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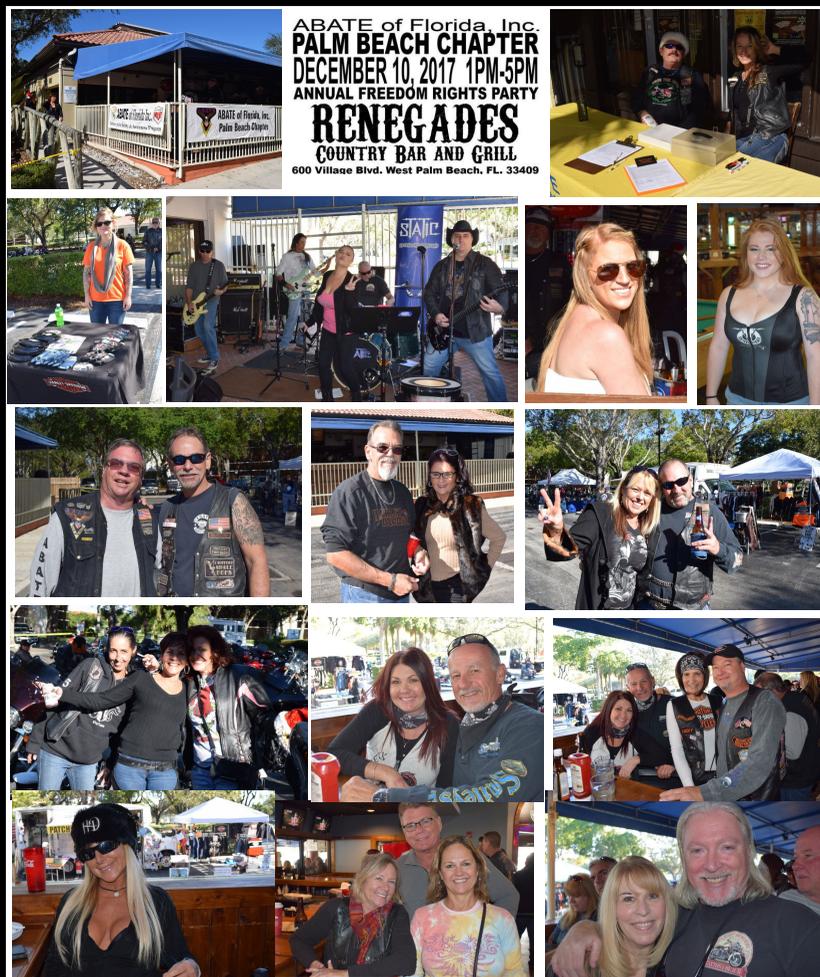


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**NEXT CHAPTER  
MEETING  
11:30 AM  
Third Sunday  
Jan. 21**

**CHECK TWICE  
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WHO RIDE  
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## President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

Hello everyone! Well it is no secret that our chapter is in danger of closing for good. Why you say? Well as of Dec.10th our Treasurer has resigned leaving us without one of our executive board members. In case you don't know we as a chapter can not exist without our four executive board members. They are : President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It all comes down to this if we do not have people to fill these board positions we can not run our chapter! As of right now we do not have anyone to fill the Treasurer's position and so if that is still the case at our next meeting we will be forced to close the Palm Beach chapter down. Our next meeting will be Jan.21 at VFW post 4143 Riviera Beach at 11:30 am.

I have been harping on this at the meetings and in this newsletter, you can not expect the same people to take these jobs year after year that is just not fair to them. If this chapter is to survive it will take members who are willing to step up and assume some responsibility for our chapter. If not we simply won't have a chapter. So if you can or you know someone who would make a great Treasurer, bring yourself or someone you have in mind to our next monthly meeting Jan.21st. Remember this could be our last meeting.

Ride Safe Ride Smart !!

SNOOZE

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**UPCOMING Event Schedule**

Wednesday Jan 3 Bike Nights at Island Jacks, Boca Tilted Kilt and Cht Chats

Thursday Jan. 4 Black Pistons Open House

Friday Jan 5. 1 Soldiers for Jesus Open House / Ink Link Bike Night Bike Night

Saturday Jan 6 Palm Beach Harley Gill and Hang Out with Bikini Bike Wash 11-4

Tuesday Jan. 9 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Wed. Jan. 10 Bike Nights at Island Jack's, Chit Chats, Boca Tilted Kilt

Thurs, Jan 11 Aloha Bike Night Palm Beach Harley

Thurs. Jan 11 Jupiter Moose Bike Night 185 E Indiantown Rd #210 Jupiter

Friday Jan. 12 AOA WPB MC Open House

Jan 13-14 Redland Heritage Festival Free Car & Bike Cruise-IN

Monday Jan. 15 Mob of Brothers MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Wednesday Jan. 17 South Florida Fair Bight Night and Parade

Wednesday Jan. 17 States MC Lake Worth Open House 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth

Wednesday Jan. 17 Bike Nights at Island Jacks, Boca Tilted Kilt and Chit Chats

Thurs. Jan 18 Harley-Davidson 101 Free Pizza & Beer Palm Beach Harley

Sunday Jan. 21 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 11:30 am

V.F.W. 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. Look for the flag. Breakfast will be served 9:00 AM 'til Noon

Wednesday Jan. 24 Bike Nights at Island Jacks, Boca Tilted Kilt and Chit Chats

Wednesday Jan. 24 South Florida Fair Bight Night and Parade

Thursday Jan. 25 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Friday Jan. 26 AOA WPB MC Open House

Saturday Jan. 27 12th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show Frost Park

Wed. Jan. 31 Bike Nights at Island Jack's, Chit Chats, Boca Tilted Kilt

**REMINDER: EVERY**

**Wednesday Night is Gorilla Motors Bike Night at Island Jack's**

**Saturday Night is FLY-IN WHEELS MC OPEN HOUSE**

**PLEASE ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSES FOR A GOOD TIME AND SHOW OF SUPPORT WHEN POSSIBLE**

Grill Out 'N' Hang Out  
 Saturday, January 6, 2018 11AM-3PM Palm Beach Harley-Davidson



**GRILL OUT 'N' HANG OUT**  
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH 11AM-3PM  
**FREE BBQ AND FREE BEER**

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Free Bikini Bike Wash  
 Saturday, January 6, 2018 11AM-3PM Palm Beach Harley-Davidson



**FREE BIKINI BIKE WASH**  
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH  
 11AM-3PM

PALM BEACH ANGELS WASH YOUR RIDE FOR FREE!

**WELCOME RIDERS!**



**JAN 7** Sunday Riders Meet and Greet Ride and Fundraiser  
 Public - Hosted by Jim Spinetta and Michael Feaster  
 Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 10 AM - 6 PM

Charlie's Neighborhood Bar & Grill  
 400 SE Parrot Cir, Stuart, Florida 34997

Join us for our annual Meet and Greet ride. This year we will be riding around Lake O with a few stops at some of the local watering holes along the way such as:  
 J & S Fish Camp  
 Iron Eagle Bar  
 The Duck Pub  
 Roland Martins Marina Tiki Bar

We will also be raising money for a local family in need of assistance thru our 50/50 as well as taking donations. We will announce the name of the family and their circumstances on the day of the ride so that it will remain a surprise. Come out and join us for one of the biggest rides of the year and meet some new friends along the way. We are looking forward to making this one of the best rides of the year.

With over 650 members, this ride will be HUGE. Make sure to click the GOING button so we can prepare our road captains.

Here's the schedule:  
 10:00AM- Charlie's Neighborhood Bar & Grill Meet/Greet Breakfast  
 11:30AM- KICKSTANDS UP  
 12:15PM- J & S Fish Camp- 45 min. stop

**ABATE of FLORIDA, INC. - Gator Alley Chapter**

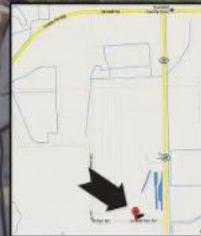


**BLESSING OF THE BIKES & SCAVENGER HUNT**  
**JANUARY 7TH, 2018**

**STARTS AT: Oil Well Park**  
 7671 SR29, Immokalee 34142 (Oil Well Road to SR29/ Sunnyland, Right 1.3 miles turn right on Oil Well Park Road)

**SIGN IN 10:00AM**  
**BLESSING OF THE BIKES: 10:30AM**  
 Kickstands up sharp at 10:45am

**ENDS AT: GAVEL GRILLE**  
 3340 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, FL 34113  
 Last Bike In at 4:00pm - Event Ends at 5:00pm



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### **WHO WE ARE**

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB NOR A GANG. We fund our work through events, toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others. We are Pro-choice NOT anti-helmet, it is up to you to decide.

### **OUR GOALS**

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 Membership Card, Event Discounts and Updates, Voting Privileges, Free Newsletter 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.

## There were two motorcycle fatalities and one seriously injured recently.

First, in Delray on Sunday, a 4 runner turned left into the path of two riders killing one, injuring the other. Frank Carollo (23) crashed into the 4Runner's rear passenger tire, then as the SUV spun around, the second biker, Michael Yesilevich (44), crashed head-on into the vehicle. Carollo, from Lantana, died at the scene.

<http://www.mypalmbeachpost.com/news/crime--law/new-dead-critical-after-motorcycle-crash-sunday-delray/8PrLhVtNHv7Mffosp5LhuI/>

Second, on Tuesday in Jupiter, a minivan was traveling east on Indiantown Road turn left into the path of the biker in order to enter northbound I-95. The biker was dead on the scene. <http://www.mypalmbeachpost.com/news/local/breaking-motorcyclist-dies-jupiter-after-minivan-bike-collide/wszB6lgoc8uNSty1mMoYUJ/>

When riding, you gotta assume that people turning left are going wait till you get there and then do it.

Here is another one where a car turns left in front of the biker and the dead biker gets blamed for it. <http://www.mypalmbeachpost.com/news/crime--law/new-boca-area-man-killed-deerfield-motorcycle-crash/SOU5sSy8HMjAUL33IhCYxM/>

NEW: Boca-area man killed in Deerfield motorcycle crash local

By Rachel Frazin - Palm Beach Post Staff Writer Monday, December 25, 2017

DEERFIELD BEACH — A man from suburban Boca Raton was killed Saturday when his motorcycle crashed into the passenger side of a vehicle that was turning into a Target parking lot in Deerfield Beach, the Broward Sheriff's Office said.

Witnesses say that Andre Puerta Montoya, 33, "sped past them" and hit Cassidy Hughes' vehicle, which had two occupants, deputies said. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Nobody in Hughes' vehicle was injured.

Montoya lived west of Powerline Road and north of Palmetto Park Road.

Deputies said they believed Montoya's high speed caused the crash, but the investigation is still ongoing. <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/crime--law/new-boca-area-man-killed-deerfield-motorcycle-crash/SOU5sSy8HMjAUL33IhCYxM/>

Shared by Data.

Not even the police are safe. In Tamarac an on-duty Broward Sheriff deputy was injured when a car hit his police bike. <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/tamarac/fl-sb-tamarac-deputy-crash-20171227-story.html>

Matthew M. Searcy, 34, died on the morning of Dec. 19 when his motorcycle collided with the van near the entrance to Interstate 95. According to a Jupiter police crash report, Searcy was westbound on his 2002 Honda motorcycle at about 6:30 that morning when an eastbound Dodge Caravan attempted to turn left and failed to yield. <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/local/latest-jupiter-motorcycle-crash-victim-was-air-force-veteran/HVdRMIabt7kM0adeGNAhvM/>

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## BIKE NITE PARADE

Date: Jan 17 - Jan 24, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM

Location(s): [Grounds](#)

Category(s):

[2018 South Florida Fair](#)

[Grounds](#)

Staging: 6:00 pm

Start: 6:30 pm

Come and join the fun! More than 300 motorcycles will parade throughout the grounds. Bring your bike and ride in the parade! Get here at 6:00 pm and pay only \$5\* admission per person.

Parade starts at 6:30 pm

\*You MUST ride on a motorcycle to receive admission special.

Stay and enjoy the [concert!](#)



### Helli helmet automatically calls an ambulance if you crash your motorcycle

By [Luke Dormehl](#) — Posted on December 27, 2017



We've covered some pretty darn smart motorcycle helmets [here at Digital Trends](#). But while a lot of them offer superior protection in the event of an accident, a new helmet wants to go even further — by promising to call emergency services and text your relatives [if you're in a crash](#).

Called Helli, it's the creation of a startup in Pakistan, where only 3 percent of households have cars, and people are therefore far more likely to drive a motorcycle. In addition to calling for an ambulance and your next of kin in the event of an accident, the Helli helmet also comes equipped with Bluetooth, speakers, blood oxygen sensor-based heart rate monitor, and a dashcam.

"We started developing this for two key reasons," Waqas Khalil, managing director of manufacturers [Let's Innovate](#), told Digital Trends. "The first one is the fact that a few of our team members use motorbikes to commute, and it was almost impossible to get hold of them while they were commuting. We looked at the options available and everything was either too expensive or way too basic. So we thought let's develop a helmet that would solve the connectivity problem, but also at the same time increase rider safety. This is where we started incorporating emergency SMS, rider heart rate, and health systems into the helmet using a companion app."

At present, the team is in closed beta phase for the project, with riders busy testing and providing feedback on the device. The helmets are also being put through the necessary stress testing to improve their shape and strength. Khalil said that the team is working toward a launch sometime in the middle of 2018, or sooner if everything goes perfectly.

"Our pricing tiers vary depending on the market and the feature set in place," he continued. "Our initial launchpad is Pakistan or relatively low income markets, where a basic version of Helli would cost between \$70 and \$150, [depending] on taxes."

This isn't the first smart helmet we have covered. Previous crowdfunding favorite Skully demonstrated the market for connected bike helmets — only to [run into financial problems](#). Given the possibility for Helli to save lives, let's hope it can manage to deliver on all its promises!

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/cool-tech/helli-helmet-crash/>

[Motorcycle.com](http://www.motorcycle.com) / [Mini-Features](#) / Booster Bike Motorcycle Roller Coaster

# Booster Bike Motorcycle Roller Coaster



**Dennis Chung** December 11, 2017

It's not as cool as riding a roller coaster track on a real trials bike but then most of us aren't paid by Red Bull to pull crazy stunts like that, there's this motorcycle roller coaster in the Netherlands.

The ride is called the Booster Bike, a roller coaster in the Toverland amusement park in Sevenum, in the southeaster Netherlands. What sets this apart from conventional roller coasters is instead of sitting inside a cart, riders straddle motorcycle-shaped cars in a sportbike riding position. Here's how it looks:

While the Booster Bike isn't the first motorcycle roller coaster – Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, Calif., had one called the Motorcycle Chase featuring riders on parallel tracks astride motorcycles that resembled Indians; it was later redesigned as the Wacky Soap Box Racers ride due to concerns about the bikes' high center of gravity – it did spawn a new generation of similar rides since opening in 2004,

The Booster Bike is actually a prototype, with the ride's builder, Vekoma, later building two identical rides in the U.K's Flamingo Land park and the Chimelong Paradise park in China. Since then, other ride builders have come out with their own versions, such as the Mick Doohan Motocoaster in Australia's DreamWorld park by Intamin and the Zamperla-built Moto-Coaster in Darien Lake in New York. Vekoma built another, much larger, *TRON-themed ride for Shanghai Disneyland, and has been contracted to build a similar one in Walt Disney World in Florida by 2021.*

<http://www.motorcycle.com/mini-features/booster-bike-motorcycle-roller-coaster.html>

# Our Top Motorcycle Articles of 2017

From a new direction for Ducati to a custom bike builder's art-deco dynamo, these stories stood out.

BY [COMPILED BY VIJU MATHEW](#) ON DECEMBER 30, 2017



In 2017, motorcycle builders went full-bore on creativity, introducing bikes that pushed the boundaries of both design and engineering. From innovative new engine configurations, including advanced electric propulsion, to avant-garde aesthetics, the motorized two-wheeler continues its transition toward art form. Here's a look back at some of our top motorcycle mentions on RobbReport.com during the past 12 months.

## **Ducati North America's CEO Discusses the New Panigale V4 and the Power of Change**

As the brand leaves the V-twin engine behind, [Jason Chinnock reveals](#) what truly drives [Ducati](#).



## **Bandit9 Joins the Dark Side to Manifest Its Latest Motorcycle**

Only [nine compelling examples](#) of the reimagined Harley Davidson Street 750 will come to light.

**The New BMW G 310 GS Proves a Versatile Performer through the Pyrenees** In [Spain's famed mountain](#) region, the bike blissfully sated our sense of adventure.

## **The Limited-Edition Indian Scout FTR750 Tears Up the Flat Track**

Each of the [50 examples](#) built comes with a riding lesson from a member of the Indian Racing Team.



### Genius at Work: Max Hazan Creates a Motorcycle Masterpiece

The founder of Los Angeles–based [Hazan Motorworks](#) shows RobbReport.com how he makes a dream machine.

### The New Zero Motorcycles Line Amps up the Electric Bike Market

The [brand bolsters the range of its bikes](#) with performance and efficiency upgrades.

### The New 2017

[Aprilia Motorcycles Are Swift and Seductive](#) With the [RSV4](#) and [Tuono V4 1100 lines](#), the Italian bike builder hits the market at full throttle.

Derived from a 2012 Confederate X132 Hellcat, [Revival's customized creation](#) starts at \$115,000.



### Best of the Best: 3 Motorbikes That Batman Would Borrow

These [road rockets](#) from are perfect for quick getaways from Gotham.

### The 2017 Quail Motorcycle Gathering Showcases Top Two-Wheel Treasures

The [9th annual bike festival](#) brought out some of the very best examples from throughout the decades.

<http://robbreport.com/motors/motorcycles/our-top-10-motorcycle-articles-2017-2770599/>

## Indian Army Puts 58 Men on a Single Motorcycle to Break Their Own World Record



After six months of dieting and two failed attempts, 58 members of the 'Tornadoes', a motorcycle display team of the Indian Army, climbed onto a motorcycle together to break a world record. The Indian Army broke their own previous world record of 56 people on a moving motorcycle, which they set on December 28, 2013, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. Published at 8:07 AM CST on Nov 22, 2017 | Updated at 11:36 AM CST on Nov 22, 2017

Full video at <https://www.nbcdw.com/news/weird/Indian-Army-Break-Their-Own-Motorcycle-World-Record-459306533.html>



## Sturgis Motorcycle Museum raising funds to open second location

By Brent Wise |

Posted: Thu 5:02 PM, Dec 07,

2017 **STURGIS, SD (KOTA TV)** - The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame is expanding to a second location in Sturgis.

The new location will be off of Interstate 90 and Exit 32.

They are planning on moving the Hall of Fame part of their museum when the museum opens, which they hope will be complete by the 80th rally, but they are keeping everything Sturgis related at their current location off Main Street.

Executive Director of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame, Myrick Robbins, says "We're going to organize that collection into a timeline of rally's starting from 1938, with pappy and pearl and the jack pine gypsies, and show the bikes and the uniforms and the collection, the artifacts that came from that era. And then do the same in 1940, and 1945, and 1950, you know all the way up to until present day and it will be more of a timeline experience and focus on the Heritage that's here at the rally."

They have started fundraising to help pay for the project. Right now they have nearly two million dollars but can't break ground until they have another million.

They are hoping to break ground on the multimillion dollar project this year.

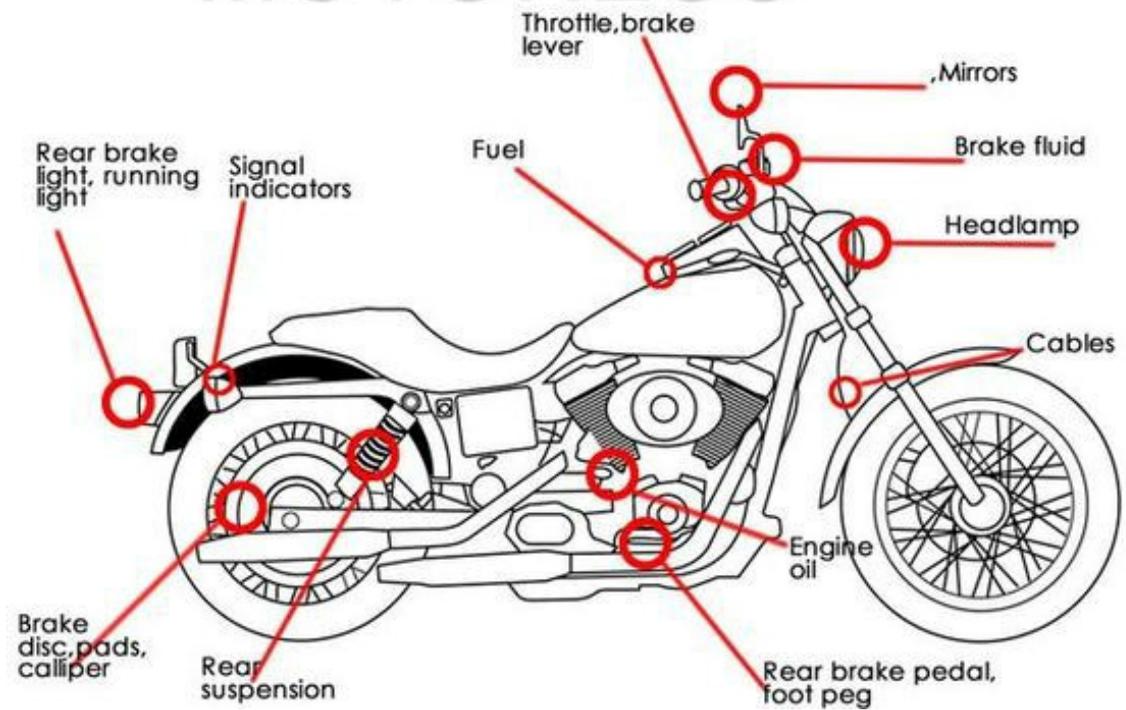
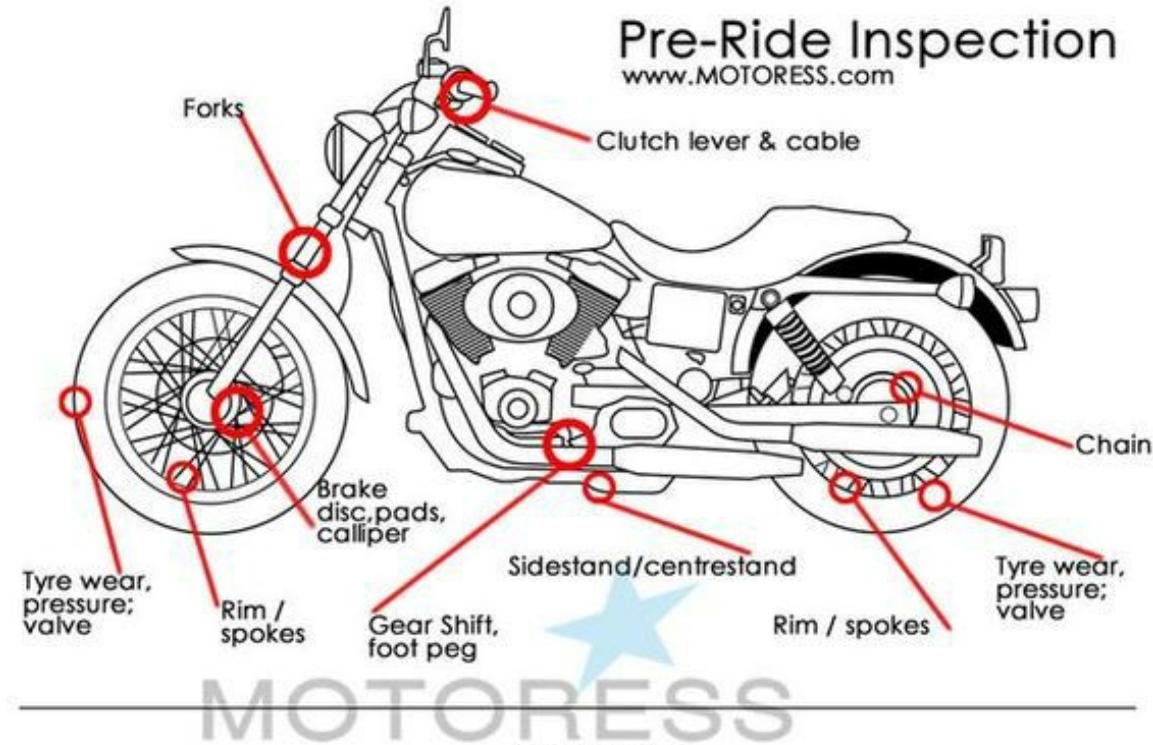
"We'll spend as much as we get in donations and so our goal is to be around that 5 million range. You know, if we get more than that, then that's what the building will look like and have that much greater of an experience, but we will manage our budget according to how much we get in donations," explains Robbins.

They won't have it done before the upcoming Sturgis rally, but soon after they plan to have a virtual reality component of the museum that gives anyone the chance to ride down historic Main Street during the Sturgis rally even when rally is not going on.

<http://www.kotatv.com/content/news/Sturgis-Motorcycle-Museum-raising-funds-to-open-second-location-462653103.html>

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Wed Island Jack's Bike Night with Gorilla Motors

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

Wed Tilted Kilt Bike Night Boca

Thurs Once a month UBCPBC Council Ride Night

Thurs Once a month Black Pistons MC WPB Open House

?2nd Thurs Vintage Motorcycle Night Double Roads Tavern Jupiter

3rd Thurs Treasure Coast Harley Bike Night

4th Thurs Palm Beach Harley Davidson Bike Night 5-9 PM

Last Thurs Turboz/Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

Fri Twice a Month AOA MC WPB Open Houses

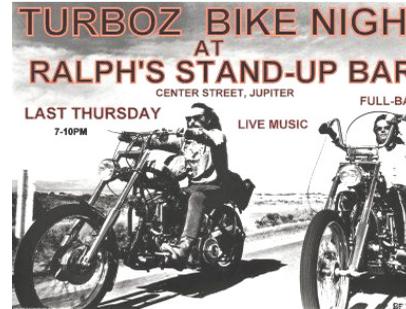
1st Fri Soldiers for Jesus Open House

1st Fri Ink Link Bike Night

1st Fri Tom Sawyers Bike Show

1st Fri Enforcers MC Party

Sat Fly-In Wheels MC open house



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights	<b>4</b> Black Pistons Open House	<b>5</b> Ink Link Bike Night Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House	<b>6</b> PB Harley Grill n Hang Out & Bike Wash
<b>7</b> Sunday Riders Ride Gator Ally ABATE event	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Lone Legion MC Open House Jupiter Moose Bike Night	<b>10</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights	<b>11</b> PB Harley Aloha Bike Night	<b>12</b> AOA WPB MC Open House	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Mob of Brothers Open House	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> States LW Open House Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights	<b>18</b> PB Harley H-D 101	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Palm Bch ABATE Chapter Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights	<b>25</b> Ralphs / Turboz Bike Night	<b>26</b> AOA WPB MC Open House	<b>27</b> Dania Bch Vintage Bike Show Vintage Iron Bike Night
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights			

# February 2018

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# DELEGATE REPORT

At the last state meeting in Vero Beach Doc, our state president, touched on something I myself have seen and that is that a lot of our members have forgotten just what it is that we stand for. They think we exist to do charity work, fund raisers, and throw parties. We know what our focus is supposed to be about is supporting our legislative efforts in Tallahassee.

Once again we have a bill in to get our safety money back that has been sorely missed for some time now we remain optimistic that this will pass this legislative session .also we have the vulnerable road users bill which we support and we hope passes. Last but not least some law makers on the hill are proposing a bill for mandatory insurance for all motorcycles for which ABATE of Florida is opposed to and does not support this bill.

The next state meeting will be in Tallahassee on Feb.11th with the ride to the capital on Monday the 12th of Feb. If anyone would like to go to this meeting let us know we will get you all the info you need.

As always Ride Safe Ride Smart!!

SNOOZE

Ken and I drove up to Vero Beach. Rained the whole way up, dry coming home. Dan was ill, so Kenny filled in for him. Doc did not talk too much. Mostly about the Bills being pushed through the house.

Treasurer Patti: Spoke about the State needing more money to pay the bills.

Sgt at Arms Marcus: Needs all Safety and Events material cleaned and accounted for.

State Office: Boots: She talked about the AIL letters. We also had the Rep from AIL come in and talk too us.

Membership Laurie: Most new members : Sept...Treasure Coast. Oct...N. Orlando. Highest % of growth : Sept : Estero River. Oct. No results due to Hurricane Wilma.

Products Steve; Standing down. His last term.

Legislative Darrin: Full report by Dan.

Tallahassee 2018: State Meeting Sunday Feb 11. Ride to Capital Monday Feb 12. Leave 0900 from Hotel.

The drawing for the rifle and shotgun was held. The winner for the Rifle was Java.??? The winner for the Shotgun was Michelle McKinney. Dos tried to call them. No luck .if he cannot get hold of them, we will have the next raffle on February at the next State Meeting.

That's all Folks. Ride Safe with Respect on the Road. Hamish.

## STATE MEETINGS

### Host Chapter & Location

Feb. 11 Tallahassee 12th  
Ride to Capital  
April 14 Peace River  
June 9 Lighthouse  
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Seminars  
August 11 N. Orlando  
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Here is a summary of bills from Doc's  
President Report in MasterLink.

#### FOR:

HB2018 give ABATE of FL, Inc.  
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HB117/SB116 Vulnerable road users

#### AGAINST:

HB419 all rider must have same insurance  
as automobile including PIP  
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wear helmets, like amendment to add to all

Contact your legislators tell them to vote  
YES on HB2018 and HB117/SB116 and  
NO on HB419 and SB356. Use the link  
at top of this page to find all your local  
legislators and election data.

#### Campaign 2018 update 12.25.17 SECOND DEMOCRAT PLANS RUN FOR BERMAN HOUSE SEAT

A second Democratic candidate has  
emerged to try to succeed outgoing Rep.  
Lori Berman, D-Lantana, in a Palm Beach  
County House district. Lake Worth Demo-  
crat David Scharf opened a campaign ac-  
count Friday to run next year in House  
District 90, according to the state Division  
of Elections website. Scharf joined  
Boynton Beach Democrat Joe Casello,  
who opened a campaign account in May  
and had raised \$21,460 as of Nov. 30.  
Berman had been slated to leave the seat  
in November 2018 because of term limits,  
but she is running in a special election to

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replace former Sen. Jeff Clemens, a Lake Worth Democrat who resigned from the Senate in late October. The special primary election in Senate District 31 will be held Jan. 30, with the general election on April 10.

#### **DEMOCRAT PLANS RUN FOR SHAW HOUSE SEAT**

Amid speculation that state Rep. Sean Shaw, D-Tampa, could run for attorney general in 2018, another Democrat has opened a campaign account to run in Shaw's House district. Byron Keith Henry opened an account Thursday to run next year in Hillsborough County's House District 61, according to the state Division of Elections website. Shaw, who has not entered the race for attorney general, has long had a campaign account to seek re-election to the House. He had raised \$60,675 as of Nov. 30, a finance report shows.

#### **BERMAN DOMINATES FUNDRAISING IN SENATE SPECIAL ELECTION**

Rep. Lori Berman, D-Lantana, has far outdistanced her two opponents in raising money for a special election to replace former state Sen. Jeff Clemens in a Palm Beach County Senate district. Berman raised \$81,881 from Nov. 6 through last Thursday, bringing her overall total to \$159,385, according to a finance report filed Tuesday. Berman also loaned \$100,000 to her campaign in October. Berman, fellow Democrat Arthur Morrison and Republican Tami Donnally are running in Senate District 31, which Clemens vacated in late October after disclosures about an extramarital affair with a lobbyist. Morrison had not raised any money through last Thursday but had loaned \$10,040 to the campaign, according to a finance report. Donnally had raised \$6,131. Berman and Morrison will compete in a Jan. 30 primary election, with the winner facing Donnally in an April 10 general election.

#### **REPUBLICAN LAWMAKER HAHNFELDT DIES**

Central Florida Republican Don Hahnfeldt, elected to the state House last year after a Navy career that included commanding nuclear submarines, has died, House Speaker Richard Corcoran announced Monday.

"It is with deep sadness that I notify you of the passing of our friend and colleague Representative Don Hahnfeldt," Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, said in a memo to House members. "Don lived a life of extraordinary service to his country, his state and his community. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. We will pass along further details as they become available."

Hahnfeldt, who lived in The Villages retirement community, was elected to the House last year in District 33, which includes Sumter and parts of Lake and Marion counties. Hahnfeldt had opened a campaign account to run for re-election in 2018.

A 2016 campaign website said Hahnfeldt served 32 years in the Navy, commanding two nuclear submarines and serving as commander of the Pacific Fleet's Strategic Submarine Squadron. After moving to The Villages, he was elected to the Sumter County Commission in 2012, where he served until getting elected to the House.

#### **12-5 SENATE EYES POSSIBLE NO-FAULT INSURANCE REPEAL**

By JIM TURNER THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, December 5, 2017..... A key Senate committee next month will take up a proposal that would replace the state's no-fault auto insurance system, while a similar bill has already sped to the House floor.

Senate Banking and Insurance Chairwoman Anitere Flores said the proposal (SB 150) by Sen. Tom Lee, R-Thonotosassa, will be among the first discussed by her committee when the annual legislative session begins Jan. 9. The committee had been slated to take up the issue Tuesday, but time ran out in a scheduled two-hour meeting.

"The intention will be to have a vote on this bill, up or down, at that meeting," said Flores, whose committee heard several other bills Tuesday before starting a discussion on Lee's proposal.

The proposal would repeal the no-fault law, which requires motorists to carry \$10,000 in personal-injury protection, or PIP, coverage to help pay medical expenses after accidents. It would require motorists to carry \$5,000 in what is known as medical payments coverage, or MedPay, and minimum amounts of bodily-injury coverage that would increase over time.

During the 2017 legislative session, Lee's proposal was dubbed "PIP renamed" by Rep. Erin Grall, a Vero Beach Republican who sponsored no-fault repeal legislation in 2017 and is carrying the House bill (HB 19) for the 2018 session.

Lee said he expects the competing proposals will start to be matched up as the Senate version advances towards a floor vote.

"The most important thing to me is we get coverage rates up for people that are injured in an accident in our state, and right now \$10,000 gets eaten up on just about every accident that happens," Lee said.

The requirement that motorists carry \$10,000 in PIP coverage essentially hasn't changed since 1979. The no-fault system is designed to help limit lawsuits stemming from traffic accidents.

The House proposal does not include a requirement of carrying MedPay coverage.

Sen. Rene Garcia, R-Hialeah, surmised that Lee's proposal could result in higher premiums -- particularly for inner-city residents in minority communities that rely upon personal-injury projection for their only coverage --- and would increase litigation.

"They will be litigating with the insurance companies as opposed to the health companies as to who is going to pay what and what amount of damages they're going to pay," Garcia said.

Lee acknowledged that people only paying for minimum coverage now would likely see rate increases, particularly residents of urban areas such as Southeast Florida where rates are already higher. But he doesn't anticipate much change in the courts.

"It's not that you'll be unable to recover, it won't be a pot of money sitting there to attach by a lot of service providers, except in an emergency situation, where I wouldn't want to leave people bare or the providers bare, who have no choice, as you know, but to take care of these patients when they arrive in the emergency room," Lee said.

Before introducing an amendment that more narrowly defined the MedPay requirements, Lee's proposal was projected to raise rates about \$8 to \$12 a year, as the savings from the elimination of no-fault would be offset by increases in premiums for bodily-injury liability coverage and uninsured-motorist coverage.

The House measure, which faces opposition from some insurers, business groups and medical providers, has been projected to save motorists on average about \$80 a year.

Grall's proposal, which was backed by the House Commerce Committee in an 18-7 vote last month, would eliminate the system's limits on lawsuits. Drivers at fault in accidents would be fully liable for damages, with the minimum bodily-injury coverage under Grall's proposal being \$25,000 for damages for injury or death of one person and \$50,000 for injury or death of two or more people.

Lee's proposal, starting Jan. 1, 2019, would set a minimum of \$20,000 for bodily injury protection that includes coverage for the injury or death of one person and \$40,000 for injury or death of two or more people.

The coverage would grow to \$25,000 and \$50,000 two years later and to \$30,000 and \$60,000 on Jan. 1, 2023.

Lawmakers in 2012 passed a package of changes --- championed by Gov. Rick Scott and then-state Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater --- that were considered a last-ditch effort to maintain the no-fault system after rates increased because of fraudulent claims.

Lawmakers in both chambers have considered bills annually since 2013 that sought to repeal PIP, with the House passing a Grall bill during the 2017 session. The bill died in the Senate.

**GUN BILLS SILENCED IN SENATE COMMITTEE**

By JIM TURNER THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, December 5, 2017..... With the 2018 legislative session still more than a month away, gun-related measures might have died Tuesday in the Senate.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, which has been a stumbling block in recent years for Second Amendment-related bills, narrowly rejected proposals that sought to allow Floridians with concealed-weapons licenses to carry firearms up to the entrances of courthouses (SB 134); inadvertently display handguns (SB 148); and pack heat at religious institutions that include private schools or day-care facilities (SB 274).

Also, committee Chairman Greg Steube, a Sarasota Republican who sponsored two of the proposals, said after the meeting he has no intention of reviving some more-controversial measures from past years. Those measures sought to allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to openly carry firearms and to carry guns into airport terminals and on university and college campuses.

“You saw what happened here today,” Steube said.

Tuesday's votes came as lawmakers hold committee meetings to prepare for the 2018 session, which starts Jan. 9. Opposition on the Judiciary Committee to the gun-related bills came --- as it has in the past --- from Democrats and some South Florida Republicans.

Sen. Rene Garcia, R-Hialeah, said he couldn't support gun-related measures that fail to address mental-health issues. Also, he said the Senate should stick with a compromise it reached during the 2017 session on guns at religious institutions. The Senate compromise was rejected by the House.

“It's not about the policy, but the process, and about what I think we as a Senate should be standing up for and holding our position,” Garcia said.

The Senate version during the 2017 session would have allowed people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns at religious institutions outside of school hours or when school activities weren't occurring.

After Tuesday's meeting, Sen. Anitere Flores, R-Miami, agreed with Garcia that the compromise language should have been maintained.

Flores, who voted against all three bills, also said a change was needed on the bill dealing with allowing the inadvertent display of handguns. Such a change would indicate the temporary display was conducted in a “non-threatening manner.”

“Right now, the way that bill reads is, it allows temporary and openly displaying, that would allow brandishing, and that is a concern of mine,” Flores said.

National Rifle Association lobbyist Marion Hammer, who called the religious-institution proposal a private property-rights measure, said with 2018 an election year it's important to know who isn't being truthful in their support of Second Amendment issues.

“We had Republicans who joined the Democrats as obstructionists last year, and bills would be (temporarily postponed), which was a type of protectionism for Republicans,” Hammer said. “This year, thankfully, they voted. They've been outed, and now we can report it.”

Sen. Debbie Mayfield, R-Rockledge, argued in support of the religious-institution measure to prevent a repeat of carnage that occurred last month at a church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

“What we have in place right now, people are getting killed and there is no one there to stop them,” Mayfield said.

On Nov. 5, 26 people were killed and 20 others were injured when a gunman started firing into a Baptist church from across the street, before making his way into the building. The gunman, who later died of a self-inflicted wound, was shot twice as he exited the church.

Sen, Kelli Stargel, a Lakeland Republican who sponsored the religious-institution proposal, said the two sides in the debate might never come to an agreement.

“The real compromise we're looking for is between two very different schools of thought,” Stargel said. “One is, having less guns in the community is going to create less crime and less violence. And the other school of thought is my school of thought, which is personal responsibility, which is I don't want to designate to somebody else my responsibility to protect myself and my family.”

#### **REAGAN LICENSE PLATE CLEARS SENATE PANEL**

A Senate panel Tuesday approved a bill that would create a specialty license plate honoring the late President Ronald Reagan, with proceeds from sales of the plate going to Alzheimer's disease research and programs and the Florida National Guard Foundation. The Senate Transportation Committee voted unanimously to approve the bill (SB 468), filed by Sen. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala. The bill, filed for the 2018 legislative session, would lead to motorists paying a \$25 fee for the specialty “President Ronald Reagan” plate. The state already has more than 120 specialty plates, according to a Senate staff analysis. “I think probably the philosophical question that I run into is, ‘Do you really want to start doing presidents?’ And I say I'm fine with honoring anybody, but you (the honorees) have to be dead to do it,” Baxley said. Reagan died after a highly publicized battle with Alzheimer's disease.

#### **MCGHEE FORMALLY TAPPED TO LEAD HOUSE DEMOCRATS**

Saying it is important that “bickering and fighting” between Republicans and Democrats end, state Rep. Kionne McGhee was formally chosen Tuesday to become the next leader of Florida's House Democrats. McGhee, a 40-year-old Miami lawyer, will become the Democratic leader after the 2018 elections, succeeding House Minority Leader Janet Cruz, D-Tampa. McGhee, who was informally selected for the post in March, said it was important that lawmakers in Tallahassee find “common ground” and work for Floridians. But after two decades of Republicans dominating the Legislature, he also touted Democrats' efforts on issues related to teachers, workers, health care and restoring the rights of felons who have served their sentences. “You cannot underestimate the power of a donkey,” he said, referring to the symbol of the Democratic Party. Rep. Cynthia Stafford, D-Miami, formally nominated McGhee to lead the caucus. “He is a leader. He is a visionary. He is a family man,” Stafford said. “He is someone who gives his heart and soul to everything he does.”

#### **SALES TAX HOLIDAY TAKES FIRST STEP IN SENATE**

With little discussion, a Senate committee Monday approved a bill that would create a sales-tax “holiday” for back-to-school shoppers during 10 days in late July and early August. The vote by the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee was a first step that ultimately could lead to a sales-tax holiday being included in a tax-cut package during the 2018 legislative session, which starts Jan. 9. Lawmakers usually approve such tax holidays, though the number of tax-free shopping days has varied widely. Under the Senate bill (SB 686), filed by Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, shoppers would be able to avoid paying sales taxes from July 27 through Aug. 5 on clothes costing \$100 or less; school supplies costing \$15 or less; and personal computers and accessories costing \$1,000 or less. A staff analysis said state economists have not determined how much tax revenue would be lost with such a holiday.

#### **IRMA LOSS ESTIMATES CONTINUE CLIMBING**

Estimated insured losses from Hurricane Irma have reached \$6.3 billion as the number of claims has topped 850,000, according to information released Monday by the state Office of Insurance Regulation. The latest report showed that 853,356 claims have been filed with insurance companies in the state, with 710,152 involving residential properties. Miami-Dade County had the largest number of claims filed, 111,189, while Broward County had 70,710, Orange County had 67,670, Lee County had 64,033 and Collier County had 61,343. Since Irma made landfall Sept. 10 in Monroe and Collier counties, 45 percent of the claims have been closed with some payment. Another 29 percent were closed without any

payments.

### **CANDIDATES LINE UP FOR STATE HOUSE RACES**

At least four more candidates have taken initial steps this week to run for state House seats in 2018, according to filings with the state Division of Elections. Democrat Joe Gordan Additon opened a campaign account Tuesday to challenge state Rep. Chuck Clemons, R-Newberry, in House District 21, which includes Dixie, Gilchrist and part of Alachua counties. Meanwhile, Democrat Michael Blake became the fourth candidate to open a campaign account to try to succeed term-limited Rep. Tom Goodson, R-Rockledge, in Brevard County's House District 51. In Miami-Dade County, Democrat Nancy Lee opened an account to run for the House District 112 seat held by Rep. Nicholas Duran, D-Miami, according to the Division of Elections. Also in Miami-Dade, Republican Jose Mallea became the sixth candidate seeking to replace term-limited Rep. Jeanette Nunez, R-Miami, in House District 119.

### **THREE QUICKLY QUALIFY TO RUN FOR CLEMENS SEAT**

Two Democrats and one Republican, including state Rep. Lori Berman, D-Lantana, quickly qualified Tuesday to run in a special election in a Palm Beach County Senate district. Qualifying opened Tuesday morning in Senate District 31 and will end at noon Wednesday. The seat opened in late October when Lake Worth Democrat Jeff Clemens resigned after disclosures about an affair with a lobbyist. Along with Berman, the other candidates who qualified Tuesday morning were Democrat Arthur Morrison and Republican Tami Donnally, according to the state Division of Elections website. A special primary election is scheduled for Jan. 30, with the general election April 10.

### **SCOTT COMMITTEE TOPS \$136K IN NOVEMBER**

With Gov. Rick Scott expected to run next year for the U.S. Senate, his "Let's Get to Work" political committee raised more than \$136,000 in November, according to a contributions list on the committee website. Political committees face a Dec. 11 deadline for filing formal finance reports with the state Division of Elections. But the list on the Let's Get to Work website indicates the committee raised \$136,750 in November, with most of the money coming in the final two weeks of the month. Among the contributions was \$50,000 from AT&T Services Inc.

### **HEARING SLATED ON SPECIAL ELECTION DATES**

A Leon County circuit judge will hold a hearing next week in an attempt by Florida Democratic Party leaders to speed up special elections in two legislative districts. Judge Charles Dodson is scheduled to hear arguments Dec. 7 about whether to issue a temporary injunction to force the state to hold elections more quickly in Senate District 31 and House District 114. Democratic Party attorneys last week filed a motion for a temporary injunction as part of a lawsuit filed Nov. 6. The injunction request says special elections in Senate District 31 and House District 114 should be held in time for newly elected members to serve during all or part the 2018 legislative session, which starts Jan. 9. Lake Worth Democrat Jeff Clemens resigned from the Senate District 31 seat in late October after disclosures about an extramarital affair with a lobbyist, while Coral Gables Democrat Daisy Baez resigned from the House District 114 seat in early November after agreeing to plead guilty to a perjury charge in an investigation about her residency. In the Palm Beach County Senate district, Gov. Rick Scott has scheduled a special primary election Jan. 30 and a special general election April 10. In the Miami-Dade County House district, he has scheduled a special primary election Feb. 20 and a special general election May 1. In setting the dates, Scott's office said he was following the recommendations of local elections supervisors.

12-9 Here is the link to the **House Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee**. The meeting was on November 15th.

The part that concerns us begins at the 8:45 mark.

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If the link does not open for you, it can be found by going to: [www.myfloridahouse.gov](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov)  
Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee page  
scroll down the page to the "On demand video archives"  
Click on November 15, 2017

THESE WERE LATE FOR LAST MONTH

### 11-23 PROPOSAL WOULD MAKE IT HARDER TO CHANGE CONSTITUTION

A Senate Republican on Monday proposed a measure that, if approved by voters, would make it harder to amend the Florida Constitution. The proposal (SJR 978), filed by Sen. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, would increase the threshold for voter approval of constitutional amendments. Currently, 60 percent of voters need to approve amendments. Baxley's proposal would increase that required number to two-thirds. Baxley's proposal itself would require a change to the Constitution. If approved during the upcoming legislative session, it would go on the November 2018 ballot. Rep. Rick Roth, R-Loxahatchee, has filed an identical proposal (HJR 65) in the House.

### OPEN HOUSE SEATS DRAW HOPEFULS

Open House seats in Jacksonville and South Florida continued to draw candidates this week. Jacksonville Democrat Matthew McAllister became the third candidate to open a campaign account to run in 2018 in House District 15. Rep. Jay Fant, R-Jacksonville, is running for attorney general instead of seeking another term in the Duval County district. Meanwhile, **Delray Beach Republican Michael Caruso opened a campaign account to become the fourth candidate running in Palm Beach County's House District 89. Rep. Bill Hager, R-Delray Beach, cannot run for re-election next year because of term limits.** In Miami-Dade County, Republican Juan Alfonso Fernandez-Barquin opened an account to become the fourth candidate in House District 119. Rep. Jeanette Nunez, R-Miami, is barred by term limits from running for re-election in the district.

### SPANO ENTERS RACE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Hillsborough County Republican Ross Spano announced plans Thursday to run for attorney general, becoming the third member of the House and the fourth Republican seeking to replace term-limited Attorney General Pam Bondi next year. Spano, the chairman of the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee is joining a Republican field with Rep. Jay Fant of Jacksonville, Rep. Frank White of Pensacola and Ashley Moody, a former Hillsborough County circuit judge. "If I felt like the right person was in the race to be the attorney general of the state of Florida, you can trust me, I wouldn't be running," Spano said. "I'm the only person among the three that are in the race right now that has these following things: the legislative experience; the conservative values; and the actual courtroom experience. I've been practicing law for 19 years. I've been in the courtroom for that time." Spano, who was first elected to the House in 2012 and has been ruminating with his wife on the statewide contest for about eight months, also described a long-held belief in defending victims of inequality or injustice. Spano, who practices in the areas of estate planning, trusts, business law and corporate formation, appeared undeterred that he is entering a contest in which Fant, White and Moody have a head start in amassing cash and in lining up endorsements. All three have raised more than \$1 million through their campaign accounts and affiliated political committees. White's money includes \$1.5 million that he contributed to his campaign. Fant has put \$750,000 of his own money into his campaign. Moody, from Spano's backyard, has the backing of Bondi.

### REPUBLICAN FILES TO RUN FOR CLEMENS SEAT

A Republican candidate has filed initial paperwork to run in a special election in a Palm Beach County Senate district vacated last month by Democrat Jeff Clemens. Lake Worth Republican Tami Donnally opened a campaign account last week to run in District 31, according to the state Division of Elections

website. The race is also expected to include Rep. Lori Berman and former Rep. Irv Slosberg, both Democrats. Clemens resigned from the seat after disclosures about an extramarital affair with a lobbyist. Gov. Rick Scott has scheduled a special primary election Jan. 30 and a special general election April 10 -- likely meaning the seat will remain vacant throughout the 2018 legislative session, which starts Jan. 9.

#### **ANOTHER DEMOCRAT EMERGES FOR CLEMENS SENATE SEAT**

A West Palm Beach Democrat has opened a campaign account to try to replace former state Sen. Jeff Clemens, becoming the third Democrat expected to run in a special election for the seat, according to the Florida Division of Elections website. Arthur J. Morrison opened the account this week in Senate District 31, which became vacant when Clemens resigned in late October after acknowledging an extramarital affair with a lobbyist. Also planning to run for the Palm Beach County seat are state Rep. Lori Berman and former Rep. Irv Slosberg, both Democrats, and Republican Tami Donnally. A newly filed finance report shows that Berman has loaned \$100,000 to her campaign and had raised \$77,504 as of Oct. 31. Gov. Rick Scott has scheduled a special primary election Jan. 30 in the Senate district and a special general election April 10.

#### **PUTNAM KEEPS BIG LEAD IN FUNDRAISING FOR GOVERNOR**

Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam continued last month to widen his fundraising advantage in the Republican primary for governor, bringing in nearly \$1.2 million for his campaign and a closely aligned political committee, newly filed reports show. Putnam raised \$571,932 for his campaign in October and \$616,235 for the committee known as Florida Grown. In all, the campaign and committee had raised nearly \$20.4 million as of Oct. 31. Sen. Jack Latvala, a Clearwater Republican who announced his candidacy for governor in August, raised \$278,793 for his campaign account last month and \$234,308 for his Florida Leadership Committee. House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, also is widely viewed as a possible candidate for governor, though he has not filed to run. His political committee, known as Watchdog PAC, raised \$267,200 in October, the reports show.

#### **LEVINE, GRAHAM TOP DEMOCRATIC MONEY CHASE IN OCTOBER**

In the month before Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine formally entered the governor's race, a closely aligned political committee raised \$963,500, according to newly filed finance reports. Levine, a Democrat, entered the race Nov. 1. But Levine's political committee, known as All About Florida, topped the fundraising efforts of his Democratic opponents in October. Former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham raised \$181,526 for her campaign during the month, while also collecting \$165,047 for a political committee known as Our Florida. Winter Park businessman Chris King raised \$96,834 for his campaign account during the month and \$55,000 for a political committee known as Rise and Lead, Florida. Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum raised \$80,107 for his campaign account, the reports show.

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#### **12-28 FOUR CANDIDATES TO VIE FOR BAEZ HOUSE SEAT**

Two Republicans, a Democrat and an unaffiliated candidate met a noon qualifying deadline Thursday to run in a special election for a Miami-Dade County House seat, according to information posted on the state Division of Elections website. Republicans Jose Pazos and Andrew Vargas, Democrat Javier Fernandez and unaffiliated candidate Liz de las Cuevas qualified to run in House District 114, which

former Rep. Daisy Baez, D-Coral Gables, left last month after pleading guilty to a perjury charge in an investigation of her residency. Democrat Albert Santana had opened a campaign account but did not qualify, the Division of Elections website said. The Republican primary will be held Feb. 20, with the general election on May 1. That means the seat will be open throughout the 2018 legislative session, which starts Jan. 9 and is scheduled to end March 9.

#### **CORCORAN COMMITTEE TOPS \$753,000 IN NOVEMBER**

With speculation continuing that he will run for governor next year, House Speaker Richard Corcoran's political committee raised \$753,700 in November, according to a newly filed finance report. The committee, known as Watchdog PAC, had raised a total of \$5.4 million as of Nov. 30 and had spent \$719,589, the report posted on the state Division of Elections website said. The committee started raising money in June. The committee received a \$100,000 contribution in November from an Associated Industries of Florida PAC and a \$100,000 contribution from the West Palm Beach-based law firm Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley. Other large contributions during the month included \$25,000 from Dosal Tobacco Corp., \$25,000 from United States Sugar Corp. and \$25,000 from the West Palm Beach law firm Burlington & Rockenbach, the report shows.

**DESANTIS DOES THE 'NON-DENIAL DENIAL'** Congressman Ron DeSantis is trying to parlay a tweet from President Donald Trump --- which he's calling an "endorsement" --- into some earned media as he awaits the right time to announce a bid for governor. After getting a glowing tweet from Trump last Friday, the Palm Coast Republican's backers sent out a press release on Wednesday touting the congressman's comments on "Fox and Friends," where DeSantis played coy about his gubernatorial run, while fanning the flames of speculation. "I can tell you that when that tweet went out, the amount of buzzing on my phone from calls and texts, I thought the phone was malfunctioning or there was something going on," DeSantis said. "When he tweets and he has 100 million people that are seeing that, it's a really, really big deal, so I really appreciate the kind words from the president." DeSantis then said he'll come back on the "show in the new year and be happy to break some news then." In a pre-Christmas gift, Trump hailed DeSantis on social media as a "brilliant young leader" who would make a ["GREAT governor"](#) for the Sunshine State. Leland Vittert, one of the hosts of the Fox News show, called DeSantis' response "the non-denial, denial. Sort of the non-acceptance, acceptance."

#### **LAWMAKER PROPOSES YEAR-ROUND DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

With the measure dubbed the "Sunshine Protection Act," a House Republican on Friday proposed a bill that calls for Florida to observe daylight-saving time throughout the year. The bill (HB 1013), filed by Rep. Jeanette Nunez, R-Miami, indicates it would depend on Congress changing a law to authorize states to stay on daylight-saving time year-round. But the Nunez proposal, which says Florida "should be kept sunny year-round," could clash with a bill (SB 858), filed by Sen. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, that would lead to the state exempting itself from daylight-saving time and observing standard time. The bills are filed for consideration during the 2018 legislative session, which starts Jan. 9. Daylight-saving time this year started March 12 and ended Nov. 5.

#### **SENATE, HOUSE SET SCHEDULES FOR FIRST WEEK**

The Senate and House will each follow the tradition of meeting in their chambers Jan. 9 before gathering for a joint session to hear Gov. Rick Scott's "State of the State" address, according to tentative schedules for the first week of the 2018 legislative session. The Senate is scheduled to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 9, the opening day of the session, with the House convening at 10 a.m. The joint session in the House chamber is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. The Senate and the House also have each scheduled floor sessions Jan. 11 and Jan. 12, along with dozens of committee meetings throughout the week. The first scheduled meeting of the week is for the House Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness, which is slated to meet the afternoon of Jan. 8.

## 2016 Motorcycle crash statistics are out.

DHSMV has recently published their 2016 Traffic Crash Annual Report. I have attached the entire report and copied the part on motorcycles down below.

Compared to 2015, total motorcycle reported crashes are slightly up 1.27%

Motorcyclists deaths are down 5.68% from 546 down to 515

Motorcycle passenger's death are down 21.05% from 38 down to 30.

	2016	2015	2014	% Change 2015 to 2016	3 Year Average
Motorcycle Crashes	10,331	10,201	9,854	1.27%	10,129
Motorcycle Fatalities	515	546	427	-5.68%	496
Motorcycle Injuries	8,256	8,231	8,040	0.30%	8,176
Motorcycle Passenger Fatalities	30	38	22	-21.05%	30
Motorcycle Passenger Injuries	742	814	809	-8.85%	788



### Helmet Use & Injury Levels of Motorcycle Drivers and Passengers

*Note: Figures contained in this table represent safety equipment use and injury levels to those drivers and passengers occupying a motorcycle at the time of the crash.*

		Fatal	Incapacitating	Non-Incapacitating	Possible	No Injuries
Driver	DOT - Compliant Helmet	259	1,155	2,070	1,168	612
	No Helmet	233	1,005	1,522	740	522
	Other Helmet	15	40	65	45	30
	Unknown	8	103	198	145	161
	<b>Total</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>2,098</b>	<b>1,325</b>
Passenger	DOT - Compliant Motorcycle	8	83	141	89	61
	No Helmet	22	110	175	85	83
	Other Helmet	0	2	6	4	3
	Unknown	0	13	18	16	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>167</b>

## ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes December 17, 2017

Meeting Called to order at 11:40 AM 22 Members Present 3 Guest Present

Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence

**PRESIDENT:** Thanked everyone for coming out. Spoke about our last event. Chapter is in terrible trouble due to lack of participation and the Treasurer resigning. It is for this reason the chapter is closing down. Discussion was held on the passing of Bones.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Told of Bones loss and his importance to the chapter over the years. We will be passing around the hat to help cover his final expenses.

**SECRETARY:** Motion was made by Nighthawk to make Debbie Hamby treasurer to finish up chapters finalization. Motion was seconded by Bill Black. Motion passed unanimously. Asked if anyone had any objections to last month's meeting minutes as published in chapter newsletter. There were none. Thanked all those that helped out over the years.

**TREASURER:** Resigned.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Resigned.

**SARGENT AT ARMS:** Nothing to report.

**SAFETY:** Thanked Hamish, Go-T-Dan. LB, Freebird, Tony and restfor doing table at event . Couldn't make it to Harley Bike Night.

**DELEGATE:** Ride to the capital will leave at 9am sharp. State in poor financial shape. Rep came and spoke from AIG Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE:** Full report is available in the newsletter. Please read Doc's message in the MasterLink.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS:** Please check the newsletter.

**PRODUCTS:** Haven't had a products person for a long time.

**NEWSLETTER:** Please read what will probably be the final issue.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Event went ok financially.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chapter will close after the January meeting.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** A collection was held for Bones.

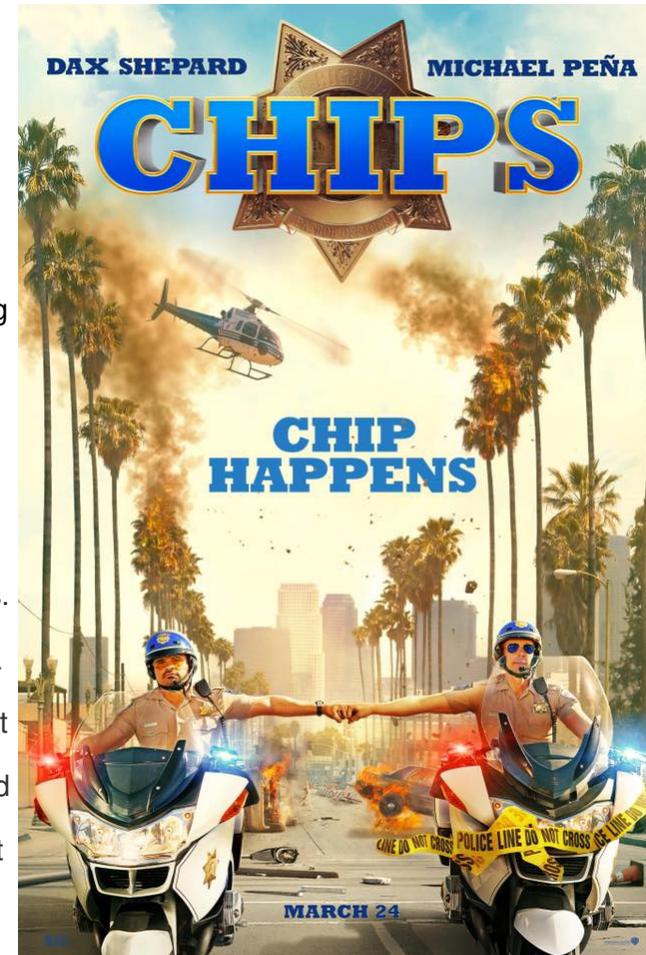
**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 12:37 pm

## MOVIE REVIEW—CHIPS

Dan Slo Motion Henderson

There has been talk about a movie version of CHiPs for several years. In 2017 Dax Shepard wrote, directed and starred in it. While there is Baker and Ponch as partners in the California Highway Patrol that is the extent of the similarity with the TV series that ran from 1977 to 1983. Shepard plays Jon Baker, the oldest rookie of the patrol. A broken down ex-motorcross rider attempting to win back his ex-wife. His scarred and worn out body is a realistic aspect and he needs many meds to be able to work. One deleted scene has a great line as one character is scanned and after a comment on the many metal parts in his body, “When you ride long enough you become a motorcycle”. Now “Ponch” is the undercover name of Michael Peña, a FBI agent sent to discover crooked cops in the Patrol. As named in one of the DVD/Blu Ray features “This is Not Your Dad’s CHiPs” as earned a R rating due to language, nudity and sexual language.

Ponch is a sex addict, Baker a pill popping mess up so of course they become buddies. So there is a lot of comedy along with tons of actions. Plenty of bike stunts and even a plot line for the old story why ape hangers came to be, no ape hangers but I think most riders will see the connection. This movie wasn’t in theatres wide spread so I was glad to get the DVD/Blu Ray combo. Enjoyable watch and good features included. It did not hang in theaters long so worth getting the DVD



## WHY JOIN ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.?

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

**REQUIREMENTS**—must be at least 18 years of age. In 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.

**BENEFITS** Your money is used to provide a lobbyist to the state and federal government to watch for our rights and freedom. The State *MasterLink* newsletter every 2 months we bring back from State meeting or read it online. The chapter newsletter is available online at [palmbeach.abateflorida.com](http://palmbeach.abateflorida.com) so is in color, with active Internet links and zoomable. Members get free classified ads in our newsletters.

**INSURANCE** As an active member 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 so only if you are interested in more insurance. If they bother you contact our 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.

**MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE** Palm Beach Chapter members can get an insurance discount with Leslie Kay Progressive insurance company. Contact them for a quote 1-866-367-1788 [www.LeslieKays.com](http://www.LeslieKays.com) The \$3000 accessory package is normal. The State has arranged with Coastal Insurance Company to offer members up to 10% discount and \$3000 parts and accessories coverage. They are at 190 Hwy A1A Suite, Satellite Beach FL . Agent Doug Guido's phone is 888-596-2453. So these are two more options to compare with your company

**PRIVACY** Your email, address and phone are never given out to anyone except State/Chapter executive board.

**EMAILINGS** you can be added to a mass mailing which you can opt to be removed at end of email. Usually only do twice a month to let you know our Newsletter is online and remind you of chapter meetings. Local events are included and sometimes urgent matters may be included. No one will see your email **PHONE TEXT** another way to communicate with members. Your phone number may be added to our text alert system To change or add the chapter email is [palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com](mailto:palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com) Our website is [palmbeach.abateflorida.com](http://palmbeach.abateflorida.com)

We have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AbatePalmBeachChapter>

Mail: **ABATE - Palm Beach Chapter, P.O. Box 1256, Loxahatchee, FL 33470**

Another benefit of chapter membership in ABATE of FL Palm Beach is having a free business card in newsletter and free newsletter classified for items to sell or acquire. Support your brothers and sisters when possible, Besides a \$4.000 ADD insurance policy, discount Leslie Kay insurance, we are looking into other benefits for members. We are always in need of more paid advertisers so find any business to benefit from our low rates and support our newsletter and chapter.

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## A.D.D. INSURANCE POLICY UPDATE

We all realize the \$4,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance policy if one of the best benefits of being an ABATE member. That is one reason to keep your membership up to date. You MUST name someone to get the money in case of death to prevent taxes and being in probate court. So when you receive the yellow card mailed from our state office, you can complete it and mail to insurance company. Most likely an agent will contact you even if you said not to. If they do be, SURE to get their name and number upfront. They do NOT need to visit you even to deliver the certificate. If they insist or get push, contact ABATE of FL. main office and report it but you MUST have the agents' name and number for action to be taken. Otherwise you may just return the completed yellow card to ABATE to have on file. Then be sure your survivors know to contact ABATE for the benefits.

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# ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



**Membership Dues: \$20 for 1 year or \$600 for Life Membership per person**

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

**ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter**

**P.O. Box 1256**

**Loxahatchee, FL 33470**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Will Palm Beach Chapter be your HOME voting Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

NEW Member: Year \_\_\_ or Life \_\_\_ Renew: \_\_\_ Transfer: \_\_\_ Address Change: \_\_\_

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Text notification Yes  No

Email for News Alerts \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

State newsletter the *MasterLink* every other month online and our Chapter newsletter *The Chrome Chronicles* is online at start of month in color with active Links.

**MEMBERSHIPS FEE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Large Chapter Patch 10" by 10.5" \$45 each # \_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Small Chapter Patch 5" by 5.5" \$20 each # \_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total membership, patches, postage fee 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

# IS THIS THE END?

Well it is the end of this newsletter and possible end of future ABATE Palm Beach newsletters. We all know that the bike scene has really changed and declined over the past few years especially in Palm Beach county. Only a couple of bike nights, few events, no biker bars, no bike magazines as Wheels on the Road is gone, and a lot, lot less riders except in the Jupiter area. Seems so many of the riders have left the county. The Palm Beach chapter of ABATE of FL, Inc. is thinking of closing. Membership is down and the involvement of members is worse. Was not even a good turnout of members at our December Party which was disheartening. But the worse is getting chapter leadership. Our last June election was just fill ins and we haven't been able to keep a Treasurer since then with nobody in sight. Snooze is getting tired of being President. Slo Motion took the Legislative and Safety trustees since no one else would step up. besides his PR, web and newsletter jobs. Face it after so many years we are getting burnt out. The next election in June doesn't appear to be going to be any better so many of us are ready to end the chapter now.

So what does the chapter closing mean to you? If you are a Life or active member you are still an a member of ABATE of FL. Inc. including having the ADD insurance. Really the only thing you lose is voting rights (not that seemed to matter). You can be a Member at Large or transfer membership to another chapter such as Southeast of Lighthouse. So you can use your Life patch or get a State patch as it is a good idea to remover chapter and not cause any conflict with MCs/= . A big thing is that you must remove any UBCPB patch since ABATE will not be a member. You may wear it if you ARE a member of another club in the council.

## Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting

VFW POST 4143

**JAN. 21, 2018 11:30 am**

**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.**

## 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.