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**NEXT CHAPTER  
MEETING  
11:30 AM  
Third Sunday  
May 20**

**CHECK TWICE  
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## President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

Well its may already this year is really flying by ! Hope everyone who went to Leesburg bike fest had a good time. At our last meeting in April we had our first round of chapter officer and trustee's nominations which went better than we thought it would. One of our new members expressed an interest in being our new treasurer and another new member expressed an interest in being our new safety trustee. while this is all well and good we are not out of the woods just yet. We need others to step up too. Please come to our may chapter meeting and nominate yourself or someone else for some of these important positions in our chapter.

### EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

You are encouraged to submit letters about ABATE related to events, articles, photographs, commentaries, etc. Please do not submit slanderous nor accusing letters, profanity nor nudity. Abate of Florida, Inc., will not accept any advertising that discriminates against any type of motorcyclist

So on the same day as our chapter meeting May 20th the Nam Knights Motorcycle Club will be hosting ROCK n ROLL Sunday in Greenacres, that's right it will be held back at the park where the used to have it. Jog Rd. just north of 10th Ave. There will be live music, vendors, bike show, car show, food trucks the whole nine yards !

Also our next state meeting will be held in Stuart by the Lighthouse chapter at the Twisted Tuna at 4920 SE Salerno Rd. Stuart. This is a great opportunity to see Abate of Florida in action so if you have never been to a state meeting before this is the one for you. Let's all go and support our neighboring chapter and Abate of Florida while we all have a good time doing it.

Ride Safe

Ride Smart,

SNOOZE



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## **ABATE of Florida, Inc. Mission Statement**

### **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.



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Florida's growing population makes motorcycle safety an important issue for all drivers; and

WHEREAS, over 1.1 million drivers in Florida have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver license; and

WHEREAS, May 2016 is being commemorated as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles can easily be hidden in traffic; therefore; it is important for motorists to always be aware of their surroundings; and

WHEREAS, to keep everyone safe on Florida's roadways, motorcyclists and motorists must be vigilant in their efforts to share the road;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2016, as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this fourth day of April, in the year two thousand sixteen.

  
Governor



## **UPCOMING Event Schedule**

Wed. May 2 Bike Nights at Island Jack's, and Gin Mill Jensen Beach

May 2 to 8 Thunder Beach Spring Rally

Thursday May 35 Black Pistons Open House and/or Abacoa Bike Night PB Harley 7-10

Friday May 4 Soldiers for Jesus Open House

Saturday May 5 Palm Beach Harley In Store Poker Run

Tues May 8 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Wednesday May 9 Bike Night at Island Jacks

Wednesday May 16 States MC Lake Worth Open House 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth

Wednesday May 16 Bike Night at Island Jacks

Thurs May 17 Palm Beach Harley Heroes Appreciation Bike Night

Sunday May 20 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 11:30 am Final Board Nominations  
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

Sunday May 20 Rock n Roll Sunday Greenacres park

Sunday May 20 ABATE Lighthouse Bike Blessing

May 24-26 Maggie Valley SC Rally

Saturday May 26 ABATE Southeast Memorial Day Event

Wednesday May 30 Bike Night at Island Jacks

Thursday May 31 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

June 9 –17 Laconia NH Bike Week

June 9 ABATE of FL State Meeting and Board elections Stuart

June 17 ABATE Palm Beach Meeting and Elections

### **REMINDER: EVERY**

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

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# Ok, Why Won't My Motorcycle Start?

Just like discovering your “lost” glasses on your forehead or your “misplaced” keys already in your pocket, sometimes the reason your motorcycle, ATV or UTV won’t start can have an obvious solution. Use this handy guide to troubleshoot your problem and be on your way.

- **So your machine won’t start?**
- Don’t overthink the problem, check the simple things first...
- **Was the ignition switch in the “on/run” position before the starter button was pushed?**
- If not, turn it to the “on/run” position and try it again.
- **Is the kill switch (usually on the handlebar adjacent to the throttle) turned to the “on/run” position?**
- If not, turn it to the “on/run” position and try it again.
- **Is the kickstand in the fully retracted (up) position?**
- If not, a stand safety switch may not allow the starter to engage and crank the engine.
- **Is the clutch lever pulled in all of the way?**
- If not, a clutch safety switch may not allow the starter to engage.
- **Is the battery in a sufficient state of charge to crank the engine?**
- If not, have the battery charged or replaced as necessary.
- **If the starter engages and cranks the engine but it fails to fire, is the fuel valve (if so equipped <sup>[1]</sup>) in the “on” position?**
- If not, turn the fuel valve to the “on” position, wait 15-20 seconds for the carburetor's float bowls to fill and try starting it again.

- **Is there sufficient fuel in the fuel tank?**
- If not, add fuel.
- **Is the engine carbureted or fuel injected?**
- If carbureted, was the choke or mixture enricher set to the appropriate position to start the engine at the current temperature? (Both ambient air temperature and engine temperature need to be considered.)

If all of these items have been checked/corrected/adjusted and it is still not starting, additional diagnosis and tools may be needed.

And remember, before you hit the open road, be sure to talk with your insurance agent to make sure you feel you've selected the right motorcycle coverages.

## *Footnotes*

- [1] Most carbureted motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs will have a fuel valve at the fuel tank that must be in the “on” or “reserve” position to allow fuel flow to the carburetor. Most fuel injected models do not have these manual fuel control valves.

<https://www.statefarm.com/simple-insights/auto-and-vehicles/ok-why-wont-my-motorcycle-start>

## Motorcycle Safety Tips: Riding Double

Riding double on a motorcycle can increase the bike's weight by 20 to 30%. Learn how to adjust your driving habits to accommodate the extra load. Before riding double, check that your motorcycle meets [the passenger requirements in your state](#). Generally, laws require that passengers have a separate seat and set of foot pegs.

Also check the owner's manual for weight restrictions. Some bikes can't handle the weight of two people, while others require adjusting suspension or tire pressure.

And of course, don't hit the road before you've secured proper insurance protection.

## *Tips for Drivers*

Keep these motorcycle safety tips in mind when riding double:

- Always wear a helmet and have your passenger do so too.

- Be easy on the rear brake—the additional weight will affect stopping power.
- Brake early to account for the extra stopping distance.
- Allow more time and space for passing.
- Refine your shifting and accelerating skills. Jerky transitions will cause the passenger to lurch forward.
- Establish a communication system using shoulder taps: One tap means slow down, two taps means stop, etc.

### *Tips for Riders*

Discuss motorcycle safety and proper riding techniques with passengers. Cover these basics:

- Don't mount the bike until the kickstand is up and the driver says to do so.
- Wrap your hands around the driver's waist to hold on.
- Keep your legs clear of the hot exhaust.
- Lean with the driver when turning.
- Avoid sudden movements that could affect the bike's handling.
- Keep your feet on the footrests at all times—don't put them down at a stop.

Click here for more [motorcycle safety tips](https://www.statefarm.com/simple-insights/auto-and-vehicles/motorcycle-safety-tips-riding-double) from State Farm®.

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## And Now a Word from ABATE State Candidates

Contrary to a rumor going around I am running for State President for the term 2018-20. I was asked if anyone was being trained to take my place and the answer is yes I have been training someone who wishes to learn everything about who I deal with and the working of Abate of Florida, Inc. He will be running for the term 2020-22. No one has asked me other than this person about being president or how it works. I have served you faithfully and have made contacts with people who will help this organization well into the future. Quite a few chapters in this organization according to the by-laws could have been closed but I refused because I believe in the people of this organization. As a life member I do not want to see this organization return to the years when it had no respect, either with other organizations, politicians or professional people. We have that now but it can be lost if we do not stay vigilant. Abate should never be about which chapter has the most money throws the most parties or has the most members. It is about our rights given to us by law we are a motorcycle rights organization.. The man who wishes to follow me is well respected in this organization and will carry Abate forward with the help of its members. I am asking you to vote for me for the next term and I will make sure you have a person knowledgeable with integrity and honor who you will be proud of to follow me.

James D. "Doc" Reichenbach II  
State President  
Abate of Florida, Inc.

### Candidate for 2018 State Treasurer

My name is Debbie Hamby and I applying to be the 2018 State Treasurer. I have been a member of Abate for 10 years and treasurer of the Palm Beach chapter for 7 years. I currently reside in North Palm Beach and work in the personal/commercial Insurance field for the last 100 years. I have been assisting the current State Treasurer, Patti Nasrallah, for the last two years and really enjoy the position. I am an outgoing, detail oriented person. In my spare time I enjoy riding my motorcycle, my pampered chef business and traveling. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions at [foxybabe362@gmail.com](mailto:foxybabe362@gmail.com) or 561-847-5331.

Thank you for your vote.

# DELEGATE REPORT

Slo- Mo and I drove up for the meeting in Port Charlotte, Doc was first to speak, told that Duval County is closed The North Orlando Chapter is in trouble, they have 47 members and have the same problem as us. Nobody wants to work.

Patti thanked the Chapters that that gave the State financial aid. Doc presented Patti for her long service with a inscribed Pen & Pencil set. Boots wants all event paperwork sent to her at the same time ( insurance, flyers, checks, etc).

The most new members:- January.. Southernmost/Peace river.

February.. Polk County Highest % .January.. Peace River.

February.. Polk County.

Doc also has a new stock of coins. \$5.00 each. If anybody wants one, contact me. . June meeting will be at Stuart hoisted by Lighthouse. The July Leadership Seminars will be in Vero Beach. The August meeting is now being held at Ocala (2nd weekend in August). That's all from me this month, Slo- Mo will tell you all the technical stuff.

Till next month, Drive Safe, Respect to all on the Road.

Hamish.

The meeting started with the news that the Duval chapter is closed. The August State meeting will not be hosted by North Orlando as that chapter is having issues.so will be held in Ocala. Treasure Coast got a deal to hold the July Leadership Seminar in Vero Beach with free meeting rooms if we book enough hotel rooms. During Treasurer's report, I brought up that we should use the Amazon Smile and donate to ABATE Safety and Education to get money for safety products. Membership Trifolds should NOT be used until the life membership is changed to \$600. It was discussed that Life cards

Legislative information is covered in my report. High points are little actually got done in the Capital. Elections are coming, primaries in August and general in November. We need to get to know the candidates, learn about them and who is on our side. The state board wants to know as they are working on a list of biker friendly ones. Summer is a great time to see them in their offices, help and talk with them in good terms to help us for safer roads and save our rights and freedom The State Board elections was covered, and unlike the last time there are actually

## STATE MEETINGS

### Host Chapter & Location

June 9 Lighthouse Stuart

July 14-15 Leadership Seminars Vero Beach

August 11 Ocala

Oct. 13 Gulf Coast

Dec.8 Gator Ally



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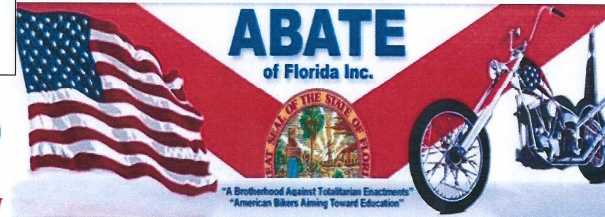
"Bones" Maurice Clark

contested positions - President, Treasurer and Products. Pres: Doc, Roy DeCelle Black Creek, and Steve Kliemisch Treasure Coast, and Treasurer Debby Hamby and Carol DeCelle Black Creek. Products had Shane Hanley working with Steve and then Lind Cram Lake Co. announced. She has the experience and contacts to do the job so Shane offered to help her. I do have the messages from Doc and Debby in this newsletter. At our May meeting we need to vote for our delegates proxy for State June meeting. There was only one application for Lobbyist, only Doc would do it for that low amount. NCOM convention in Mobile Alabama May 10-13 2018 and next year in Orlando May 9-12 2019. Tallahassee state meeting and Ride to the Capital is back 2nd weekend in April 2019, Chapters wanting to host a state meeting for next year are due by June Sate meeting. Next state meeting hosted by Lighthouse in Stuart.. Close so we should have a turn out there.

Slo Motion

Abate of Florida, Inc. Lighthouse Chapter presents:

Abate State Meeting, Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

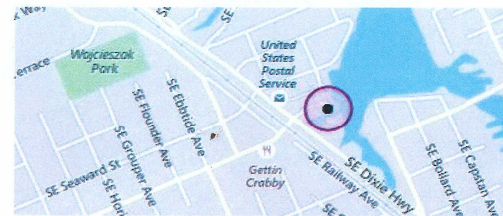


*State Meeting Location: The Twisted Tuna Restaurant*

*4920 SE Salerno Rd, Stuart, FL 34997. Phone 772-600-7239*

*State Board Meeting at 12 noon -Delegates meeting at 2pm*

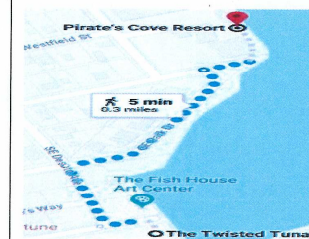
*Directions: Off of I-95 exit 101 east, turn right on SE Salerno Rd, stay east until run into Twisted Tuna.*



Contact: Chapter President, Rob (352) 470-6288, presidentlighthouseabate@gmail.com

**Lodging Info: Pirates Cove;** 4307 SE Bayview St, Stuart, FL 33497. Phone 772-287-2500

This location to stay is .3 miles from meeting at Twisted Tuna. Cost is 110.00 plus tax for waterfront rooms, only 10 rooms saved here.



2<sup>nd</sup> Location: Best Western Downtown Stuart

1209 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart FL 34994, 772-287-6200. Less than 5 miles from Twisted Tuna for 79.99 plus Tax, 20 rooms saved here.

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

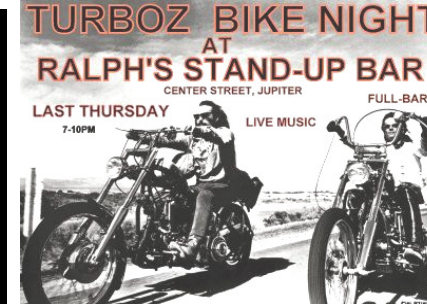
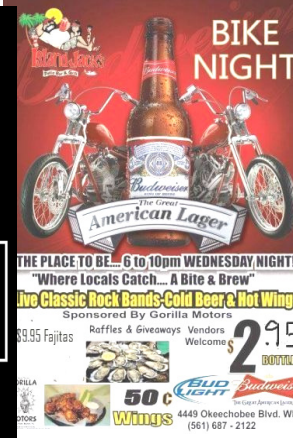
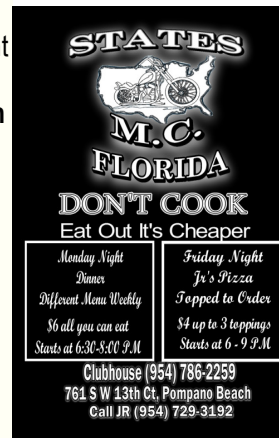
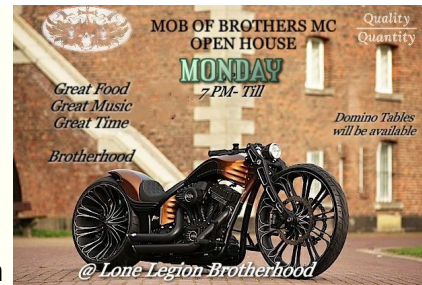
**Once a Month Tues** Lone Legion  
MC Brotherhood Open House  
**2nd Tues** Jupiter Moose Bike Night

**1st Wed, Bike Night @ the Beach**  
Gill Mill Jensen Beach  
**3rd Wed** States MC Lake Worth  
Open House 8pm  
**Wed** Island Jack's Bike Night with  
Gorilla Motors  
**Wed** Chit Chat's bike night 7pm  
Free BBQ, music Still on???

**Thurs Once a month** Black  
Pistons MC WPB Open House  
**1st Thurs** PBH Abacoa Bike Night  
**2nd Thurs** TBS Bike Night  
Tequesta  
**3rd Thurs** Palm Beach Harley  
Davidson Bike Night 5-9 PM  
**3rd Thurs** Treasure Coast Harley  
Bike Night  
**Last Thurs** Turboz/Ralph's Bike  
Night Jupiter

**1st Fri** Soldiers for Jesus Open  
House  
**1st Fri** Enforcers MC Party  
**Fri Twice a Month** AOA MC WPB  
Open Houses

**SAT HOG Morning** Palm Beach  
Harley and often other events and  
bikini bike washes Grill Days





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13	14	15	16 States LW Open House Island Jack's, Bike Night	17 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night	18	19
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27	28	29	30 Island Jack's, Bike Night	31 Ralphs / Turboz Bike Night		

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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## DAN “SLOW-MOTION” HENDERSON

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It is elections time again, June for our ABATE chapter and the State Board. The Florida elections are in November with the Primaries in August. To find out further information go the Palm Beach Elections site and use [Precinct Finder](#) - put in your address and look under *My Districts* to see when they are and who represents you in all the offices. While information is a bit sparse. Use the [Candidates For 2018 Election Cycle](#) for list of announced candidates and links to learn more. Now is the time to start ot learn who might be the best to vote for. Do the research and let me know what you think to share with the State board. Primaries are 8/28/2018  
General Elections 11/6/2018

SESSION END LEAVES PILE OF DEAD BILLS  
Jim Turner  
TALLAHASSEE --- Banning “sanctuary” cities, revamping gambling laws, approving new sexual-harassment rules and even creating a license plate to commemorate the University of Central Florida’s undefeated football season were among numerous issues that died when the 2018 legislative session ended Sunday. Senate Appropriations Chairman Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, was quick to praise the new budget for including

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\$100.8 million to revive the Florida Forever land-preservation program after a decade of neglect.

But his effort (SB 370) to put into law an annual \$100 million amount for Florida Forever, along with a separate bill to hike funding for the state's natural springs and to restore the St. Johns River, are measures he will have to pursue again next year.

"The House version of the legislation put off spending on Florida Forever until later years, and that was not acceptable," Bradley said after the Senate concluded most of its business Friday night. "I wanted to do it now."

Overall, 2018 was not a stellar year for passing bills, with the House and Senate agreeing on 195 bills, four resolutions and one resolution-like "memorial."

Here are some of the higher-profile issues that died when the session ended:

#### **FRACKING**

The effort (SB 462 and HB 237) to ban the controversial oil- and natural-gas drilling process known as "fracking" gained support from some Senate Republicans, along with Democrats.

But the House never took up the issue in committees.

#### **GAMBLING**

Lawmakers made a late attempt to reach agreement on a gambling deal amid concerns about a proposed constitutional amendment on the November ballot that would give voters --- not the Legislature --- control of future gambling decisions. But legislative leaders abandoned the effort Friday, as negotiators grappled with issues such as a gambling agreement with the Seminole Tribe of Florida and allowing slot machines in counties where voters have approved referendums.

#### **GUNS AT CHURCH**

A proposal (SB 1048) that would have allowed people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns at churches and other religious institutions that share property with schools appeared headed toward passage this year. The measure got through the Senate Judiciary Committee --- where a number of gun bills have failed in recent years --- and had reached the Senate floor.

But then came the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County. The church-related bill remained pending in the Senate throughout the rest of the session and did not get a vote.

#### **INSURANCE**

Neither of the big issues --- to revamp laws dealing with a controversial practice known as "assignment of benefits" and to eliminate the "no-fault" auto insurance system --- passed.

The House approved a bill (HB 19) to repeal the no-fault system, which requires motorists to carry personal-injury protection, or PIP, coverage. But the Senate proposal (SB 150), which included a requirement for motorists to carry \$5,000 in what is known as medical payments coverage, or MedPay, couldn't get through committees.

The insurance industry and business groups pushed for changes in assignment of benefits, an issue that involves policyholders signing over benefits to contractors, who then pursue payment from insurers. But the issue stalled early in the session in the Senate.

#### **RED LIGHT CAMERAS**

Among the first issues (HB 6001) out of the House this year was the annual effort to eliminate a law, known as the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act of 2010, that allows local governments to use red-light cameras. But as happened in past years, the idea once again failed to get the

green light in the Senate.

#### 'SANCTUARY' CITIES

A priority of House Speaker Richard Corcoran, the House passed a measure (HB 9) aimed at requiring local governments to comply with federal immigration laws --- an issue that has become known as preventing "sanctuary cities."

But the Senate version of the controversial measure (SB 308) stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee because of opposition from Democrats and two Republicans, Sen. Rene Garcia of Hialeah and Sen. Anitere Flores of Miami.

#### SEXUAL HARASSMENT

One of the hot topics as the session began --- with once-powerful Sen. Jack Latvala resigning after a damaging investigation --- the House and Senate were unable to agree on how to prevent and punish people who engage in sexual harassment.

The House approved a bill (HB 7007) that attached anti-sexual harassment language to other ethics issues. But the Senate didn't go along with tying the issues together.

#### TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

With the backing of Corcoran, a proposal (HB 33 and SB 90) to allow law-enforcement officers to pull over people for texting while driving cruised through the House and had advanced through the Senate.

But Bradley let the proposal die in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill faced concerns about issues such as minority drivers facing increased racial profiling if texting while driving became a "primary" traffic offense. Bradley was unswayed by arguments that the bill would require law-enforcement officers to record the race and ethnicity of each person pulled over for texting while driving.

#### TRAINS AND 'BO'S BRIDGE'

Derailed for the second year, Treasure Coast lawmakers failed to pick up needed support from outside their region to impose state rules (SB 572 and HB 525) about passenger trains, particularly All Aboard Florida's Brightline service, which is expected to eventually run from Miami to Orlando.

Also, lawmakers didn't approve a proposal to acquire the financially troubled Garcon Point Bridge --- known in Tallahassee as "Bo's Bridge" --- near Pensacola. The bridge, named after former House Speaker Bo Johnson who championed the project, has been in default for years. Toll revenue fell well short of what was projected in the original \$95 million bond agreement. Debt on the bridge has ballooned to \$135 million.

#### UCF DEFEATED

The annual push to create a slew of new specialty license plates combined during the session with euphoria following the University of Central Florida's perfect football season. In the end, lawmakers punted on a license plate to commemorate UCF's season and most other specialty tags, including an attempt by Auburn University alumni to create a license plate for the Alabama school.

#### VACATION RENTALS

Lawmakers again waded into the controversial issue of preventing local regulation of vacation rental properties. But despite backing from industry and business groups, bills (SB 1400 and HB 773) never were heard on the Senate or House floors.

#### TEN BIG ISSUES IN THE 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

March 12, 2018 Jim Saunders

issues

TALLAHASSEE --- The Florida House and Senate ended the 2018 legislative session Sunday by passing a budget and a tax-cut package for the upcoming year. The session became dominated in February by the aftermath of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County. That led to a massive debate about how to improve school safety and whether to revamp the state's gun laws.

**Here is a recap of 10 big issues from the 2018 session:**

**BUDGET:** Lawmakers passed an \$88.7 billion budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1, though they were forced to extend the session by two days to finish the spending plan. The budget includes increased funding for education, with per-student spending in the kindergarten through 12th-grade system going up \$101.50. The Senate also pushed through increased funding for nursing homes, while the House blocked a Senate attempt to change the way some Medicaid money is distributed to hospitals.

**HEALTH CARE:** After years of legal battles in the hospital industry, lawmakers approved a plan to revamp the approval of new trauma centers. They also approved a long-discussed proposal that could lead to the use of "direct primary care" agreements, which involve patients and doctors contracting directly for primary care, reducing the role of insurers. The House, however, was unable to convince the Senate to go along with eliminating the controversial "certificate of need" regulatory process for hospitals.

**HIGHER EDUCATION:** Throughout his term as Senate president, Stuart Republican Joe Negron has made a top priority of revamping the higher-education system. Gov. Rick Scott on Sunday signed a wide-ranging bill that includes permanently expanding Bright Future scholarships. The bill also calls for expanding some need-based aid programs and would require the state university system to use a four-year graduation rate as part of its performance-funding formula, instead of the current six-year measure.

**HURRICANE IRMA:** Lawmakers came into the session still grappling with the effects of Hurricane Irma, which slammed into the state in September and caused billions of dollars in damage. The House and Senate took steps such as ratifying rules for nursing homes and assisted living facilities to have backup generators and fuel supplies to help keep the facilities cool. Scott's administration issued the rules after residents of a sweltering Broward County nursing home died after Irma knocked out the building's air-conditioning system.

**INSURANCE:** The two highest-profile insurance issues of the session involved proposals to eliminate the no-fault auto insurance system and revamp a controversial practice known as "assignment of benefits." In the end, however, both issues died. The House approved repealing no-fault, which includes a requirement that motorists carry personal-injury protection, or PIP, coverage. But the proposal couldn't get through Senate committees. Similarly, the Senate did not approve changes sought by insurers in assignment of benefits.

**K-12 EDUCATION:** House Speaker Richard Corcoran and other school-choice supporters got a victory Sunday when Scott signed a controversial bill that will expand voucher-like scholarship programs. The bill includes creating the "hope scholarships" program, which will help pay for children who have been bullied in public schools to transfer to private schools. The bill also includes a heavily debated change that targets teachers' unions whose membership falls below 50 percent of the employees they represent.

**OPIOID EPIDEMIC:** In one of the final issues decided during the session, lawmakers late Friday approved a bill to stem the opioid epidemic that has caused a surge in overdoses across the state. A key part of the bill calls for placing limits on prescriptions for opioids. In most cases, the bill would place three- or seven-day limits on prescriptions, though it includes exemptions for people who are terminally ill, need palliative care or suffer from major trauma. The idea behind the limits is to prevent patients from getting addicted to painkillers.

**PARKLAND AFTERMATH:** The Feb. 14 shooting deaths of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland forced lawmakers to quickly deal with school-safety issues and spurred a contentious debate about gun laws. Scott on Friday signed a \$400 million package that includes improving mental-health services and allowing trained employees to bring guns to schools. The package also raises the minimum age to 21 and imposes a three-day waiting period for people buying rifles and other long guns. The National Rifle Association quickly filed a federal lawsuit challenging the age restriction.

**TAX CUTS:** Getting ready to hit the campaign trail, lawmakers Sunday approved a bill that includes about \$170 million in tax breaks. The measure includes holding a three-day tax “holiday” in early August to allow back-to-school shoppers to buy clothes and school supplies without paying sales taxes. A similar seven-day “holiday” will be held in early June for residents to buy hurricane supplies. The bill also includes tax breaks for farmers and ranchers who suffered damage in Hurricane Irma and would trim a lease tax paid by many businesses.

**TEXTING WHILE DRIVING:** With support from Corcoran, it appeared lawmakers this year could approve a long-discussed idea to toughen Florida’s ban on texting while driving. But the proposal did not make it through the Senate, at least in part because of concerns about racial profiling of minority drivers. Currently, texting while driving is a “secondary” offense, meaning motorists can only be cited if they are pulled over for other reasons. The proposal would have made it a primary offense, with police able to pull over motorists for texting behind the wheel.

Winner and loser of the week in Florida politics

Enough about Robert Mueller and the 'caravan' or asylum seekers heading toward Texas.

Rep. DeSantis. Time to talk to Floridians about Florida. Enough about Robert Mueller and the 'caravan' or asylum seekers heading toward Texas. Rep. DeSantis. Time to talk to Floridians about Florida. By Adam Smith Published: April 7, 2018

Winner of the week

Rick Scott. Considering the anti-Trump headwinds Republicans face this election cycle, Gov. Scott is in a remarkably strong position as he prepares to give Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson his toughest challenge in decades. Scott's performance during Hurricane Irma, and his mild bucking of the NRA after the Parkland massacre, have earned the former tea party governor broad-based goodwill from Floridians.

Loser of the week

Ron DeSantis. The Republican gubernatorial candidate so far is running perhaps the most cynical and lily-livered campaign Florida has seen. He avoids talking to Florida-based reporters who might ask him questions about state policy in favor of friendly interviews on Fox News about national issues. And, unlike Richard Corcoran and Adam Putnam, he rarely, if ever, answers questions from Florida voters outside of private events. No guts, no glory, Ron.

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20180411/sheriff-driver-who-struck-biker-in-viral-video-is-arrested>



Sheriff: Driver who struck biker in viral video is arrested

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Magdiel Medrano-Bonilla, 30, is accused of aggravated battery with injury and driving without a license.

SARASOTA COUNTY — A 30-year-old Sarasota man was arrested at the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office and charged with a road rage incident that left a motorcyclist with broken ribs. According to the Sheriff's Office, Magdiel Medrano-Bonilla, 30, is the man seen in a viral video driving a Mazda 3 hatchback that swerved into a sports bike rider, causing him to crash.

Darin Hendrickson, 33, of Sarasota suffered broken ribs, cuts and road rash as a result of the collision.

Medrano-Bonilla did not stop after the crash, but a family who witnessed dispute for about a mile, recorded a cell phone video of the incident.

Medrano-Bonilla has been charged with aggravated battery causing injury and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. A bail of \$10,000 was set for driving without a license, but a judge did not set bail for the battery charge.

He remains in custody at the Sarasota County jail.

#### VOTERS TO WEIGH 13 BALLOT PROPOSALS IN NOVEMBER

April 17, 2018 Lloyd Dunkelberger

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida voters will get a chance to decide in November whether 13 is a lucky or unlucky number.

The state Constitution Revision Commission, which meets every 20 years, finished its work Monday night after approving eight proposed constitutional amendments for the Nov. 6 general-election ballot.

Those eight proposals will join five other measures already on the ballot, including three approved by the Legislature and two approved in petition drives, to bring the total to 13.

The constitutional revisions proposed by the Legislature include an expansion of the homestead property-tax exemption and a requirement for two-thirds votes by future legislatures when raising taxes or fees. The petition-drive measures would allow voters to decide on future expansions of casino gambling and would restore voting rights to felons who have served their sentences.

The 13 measures on the November ballot will be the most voters have faced since 1998, the last time the Constitution Revision Commission met and put nine amendments on the ballot. Voters approved eight of the nine amendments as well as four constitutional changes sought by the Legislature.

In 1978, the commission advanced eight ballot proposals, which all were rejected by voters, along with a citizens' initiative on casino gambling.

This year will be the first time that ballot measures from the commission will have to be ap-

proved by at least 60 percent of voters. Florida increased the margin for approval of constitutional amendments from a majority vote to 60 percent in 2006.

In the past two decades, over the course of 11 general elections, the average number of constitutional amendments on the ballot has been more than seven, ranging from a low of three measures in 2014 to the high of 13 proposals in 1998 and this year.

It is typical for some measures to fail, although in 2004 and 2006 voters approved all 14 amendments on the ballot in those two years. But in 2012, when voters faced 11 amendments, all passed by the Legislature, they rejected eight of the measures.

One of the more-controversial aspects of this year's commission proposals is that six of the eight measures bundle together multiple subjects. As an example, what will appear on the ballot as Amendment 9 combines a proposed ban on offshore oil drilling with a proposed ban on vaping in the workplace.

Two of the proposed constitutional amendments are limited to single subjects, including one measure that would ban greyhound racing in the state. In total, the eight ballot measures group 20 proposals that were debated and advanced by the commission.

Brecht Heuchan, chairman of the panel's Style and Drafting Committee, which put together the final proposals considered by the commission Monday, defended the use of grouping, noting it was done by the two prior commissions in 1998 and 1978.

Commission Chairman Carlos Beruff said he was pleased with the outcome of the work.

"From protecting our state and territorial waters from oil drilling to strengthening our ethics laws, I commend my fellow commissioners for their hard work and leadership representing the people of Florida," Beruff said in a statement. "We are grateful to the thousands of Floridians who participated in this historic process and look forward to letting voters have the final say in November."

Here are the commission measures headed to the November ballot, with the ballot numbers:

--- VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND JUDGES (Amendment 6): It would establish a series of rights for crime victims, including the right to be notified of major developments in criminal cases and the right to be heard in legal proceedings. It would increase the mandatory retirement age for judges from 70 to 75. It would provide that judges or hearing officers should not necessarily defer to the interpretation of laws and rules by governmental agencies in legal proceedings.

--- FIRST RESPONDERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION: (Amendment 7): It would require the payment of death benefits when law enforcement officers, paramedics, correctional officers and other first responders are killed while performing official duties. It also would apply to Florida National Guard and active-duty military members stationed in Florida. It would establish a governance system for the 28 state and community colleges. It would require a supermajority

vote by university boards of trustees and the Board of Governors when raising student fees.

--- PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Amendment 8): It would impose an eight-year term limit on school board members. It would allow an alternative process for approving public schools, including charter schools, rather than by local school boards. It would establish a requirement for the teaching of civic literacy in public schools.

--- OIL DRILLING AND VAPING (Amendment 9): It would prohibit drilling for gas and oil in state coastal waters and ban vaping and the use of electronic cigarettes in workplaces.

--- GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE (Amendment 10): It would require all charter-county governments to have elected constitutional officers, including sheriffs. It would lead to the Legislature beginning its annual session in January in even-numbered years. It would create an Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism in the Department of Law Enforcement. It would revise the constitutional authority for the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

--- PROPERTY RIGHTS AND HIGH-SPEED RAIL (Amendment 11): It would remove language that prohibits "aliens ineligible for citizenship" from owning property. It would remove obsolete language that authorizes a high-speed rail system. It would revise language to make clear that the repeal of a criminal statute does not affect the prosecution of any crime committed before the repeal.

--- ETHICS (Amendment 12): It would impose a six-year lobbying ban on former state elected officials, state agencies heads and local elected officials. It would also create a new ethics standard that would prohibit public officials from obtaining a "disproportionate benefit" from their actions while in office.

--- GREYHOUND RACING (Amendment 13): It would ban greyhound racing at Florida tracks after Dec. 31, 2020.



PUTNAM LEADS MONEY CHASE IN MARCH  
April 11, 2018 Lloyd Dunkelberger

TALLAHASSEE --- Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam continues to dominate the fundraising field in the 2018 race for governor, reporting his campaign's best monthly total of \$2.28 million in March.

New reports filed with the state Division of Elections showed that Putnam, who is seeking the Republican nomination to replace term-limited Gov. Rick Scott, eclipsed his prior best month when he raised \$2.25 million in February 2017.

Putnam collected \$1.776 million in his Florida Grown political committee and \$505,000 in his regular campaign account in March, the state records show.

He had collected a total of nearly \$27 million since he started and had over \$19 million in unspent funds heading into April. Candidates will formally qualify for the governor's race in June.

Among the largest contributions to Putnam's political committee last month was \$450,000 from PACs linked to Associated Industries of Florida, a major business-lobbying group, and \$200,000 from Disney Worldwide Services, Inc.

U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis, a Palm Coast Republican who is also seeking the GOP nomination for governor, raised \$1.53 million in March, records show.

His political committee, Friends of Ron DeSantis, collected slightly more than a \$1 million, while his regular campaign account received \$533,000. One of his largest contributions was \$250,000 from Elaine Wold, a Boca Raton philanthropist.

Through his campaign account and the committee, DeSantis had raised nearly \$7 million as of March 31 and had about \$6.5 million in unspent cash, records show.

Another potential Republican candidate, House Speaker Richard Corcoran of Land O'Lakes, reported raising about \$250,000 in March for his "Watchdog" political committee,

Corcoran, who has not announced his candidacy, was not able to raise money during the 2018 legislative session. He resumed fundraising after the session ended on March 11.

In total, Corcoran had raised about \$6.86 million through his committee and spent \$4.64 million through March, records show.

In the Democratic race for governor, Philip Levine, a former Miami Beach mayor, raised \$547,000 in March and bolstered his total with a \$970,000 personal loan, records show.

Levine's All About Florida political committee raised \$317,000 and his regular campaign account took in about \$230,000 in March. One of his largest contributions was \$100,000 from Robert Rubinstein, a Miami lawyer.

In total, Levine, a millionaire businessman, has raised more than \$8.7 million and has loaned his campaign more than \$2.8 million, records show. The campaign and committee had spent \$8.6 million as of March 31.

Another Democrat, former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham of Tallahassee, raised \$611,000 in March, records show.

Her regular campaign account collected \$309,000 and her Gwen Graham for Florida political committee raised \$302,000, records show. Her largest contribution was \$50,000 from Emily's List, a political organization that supports the election of women who support abortion rights.



In total, Graham had raised \$6.5 million and spent \$2.5 million as of March 31, records show.

Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, meanwhile, had his strongest fund-raising month in nearly a year, raising \$329,000 in March, records show.

Gillum collected \$206,000 in his Forward Florida political committee and another \$123,000 in his regular campaign account.

In total, Gillum had raised \$2.6 million and spent \$1.5 million as of March 31.

Winter Park businessman Chris King, another Democratic contender, raised \$184,000 in March and loaned \$425,000 to his campaign, records show.

King raised \$166,000 in his Rise and Lead, Florida political committee and another \$18,400 in his regular campaign account.

He had raised a total of \$3.7 million and spent \$1.9 million as of March 31, records show.

## Data's Motorcycle Accident Report

They were knocked off their bike by a pickup truck on the turnpike. They are still alive, but bad off. No helmets.

<https://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/local/new-turnpike-crash-blocks-all-north-lanes-gardens-jupiter-area/0Vt1y8rCZYhHtw2d1zhO3L/>

UPDATE: Woman critically injured in motorcycle crash on Turnpike near Gardens-Jupiter

Updated April 21, 2018

By Chelsea Todaro, Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Florida Highway Patrol troopers have identified a man and woman injured in a motorcycle accident on the Turnpike lanes between Jupiter and Palm Beach Gardens on Saturday morning.

Courtney Dzikowski, 26, of Spring Hill, Fla., was a passenger on a 2000 Yamaha motorcycle driven by 27-year-old Joshua Labbe, of Connecticut, when the crash occurred at about 6:30 a.m.

Dzikowski and Labbe were both taken to St. Mary's Hospital, where Dzikowski is in critical condition. Labbe is being treated for serious injuries, but is in stable condition.

FHP said Labbe was heading northbound between PGA Boulevard and Indiantown Road in the left lane when, for unknown reasons, he merged into the right lane, hitting a pickup truck.

Dzikowski and Labbe were thrown off the motorcycle and fell onto the road. They were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash, according to FHP.

The driver and passenger in the pickup truck did not suffer any injuries.

# Candidates For 2018 Election Cycle

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**U.S. Representative, Dist. 21** [Lois Frankel](#) (DEM) [Kurt Jetta](#) (REP) [Derek A. Schwartz](#) (REP)

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**Governor** [Adam Putnam](#) (REP) [Issak Almaleh](#) (REP) [Don Baldauf](#) (REP) [Usha Jain](#) (REP) [John Joseph Mercadante](#) (REP) [Bruce F. Nathan](#) (REP) [Armando Adames Rivas](#) (REP) [Robert William White](#) (REP) [Ellen Marie Wilds](#) (REP) [Andrew D. Gillum](#) (DEM) [Gwen Graham](#) (DEM) [Thomas Christopher King](#) (DEM) [Josue Larose](#) (DEM) [Philip Louis Levine](#) (DEM) [Louis Earl McClanahan III](#) (DEM) [David Andrew Adams](#) (NPA) [Kyle Chaderwick Gibson](#) (NPA) [Karl C.C. Behm](#) (NPA) [Anthony "Tony" Knox Sr](#) (NPA) [Bruce Stanley](#) (GRE) [Randy Wiseman](#) (LPF)

**Attorney General** [Jay Fant](#) (REP) [Ashley Moody](#) (REP) [Ross Spano](#) (REP) [Frank H. White](#) (REP) [Sean Michael Shaw](#) (DEM) [Ryan C. Torrens](#) (DEM)

**Chief Financial Officer** [Antoanet Iotova](#) (REP) [Jimmy T. Patronis Jr](#) (REP) [Jeremy Seth Ring](#) (DEM)

**Commissioner of Agriculture** [Matt Caldwell](#) (REP) [Denise Grimsley](#) (REP) [Mike McCalister](#) (REP) [Baxter Griffin Troutman](#) (REP) [Jeffrey Duane Porter](#) (DEM) [R. David Walker](#) (DEM)

**State Senator, Dist. 30** [Bobby Powell Jr.](#) (DEM) [Rubin Anderson](#) (DEM)  
[Christopher Scott Withey](#) (LPF)

**State Senator, Dist. 31** Clemens old seat not listed as likely a special election, have  
seen signs for Lori Berman not Irv Slossberg

**State Representative, Dist. 81** [Joseph Abruzzo](#) (DEM) [Mindy Koch](#) (DEM)  
[Tina Scott Polsky](#) (DEM)

**State Representative, Dist. 82** [MaryLynn Magar](#) (REP) [Judson Cooper Epperly](#)  
(REP)

**State Representative, Dist. 85** [Rick Roth](#) (REP) [Ellen Baker](#) (DEM)

**State Representative, Dist. 86** [Matt Willhite](#) (DEM) [Laurel Bennett](#) (REP)

**State Representative, Dist. 87** [David Ryan Silvers](#) (DEM) [Edgardo Hernandez](#)  
(DEM) [Samson LeBeau Kpadenou](#)(GRE)

**State Representative, Dist. 88** [Al Jacquet](#) (DEM)

**State Representative, Dist. 89** [Michael Allen Caruso](#) (REP) [Matt Spritz](#) (REP)  
[James A. Bonfiglio](#) (DEM) [Ryan Anthony Rossi](#) (DEM) [Deborah Wesson Gibson](#)  
(NPA)

**State Representative, Dist. 90** [Joe Casello](#) (DEM)

**State Representative, Dist. 91** [Emily Slosberg](#) (DEM)

These are just the major elections for a complete  
list go to

[http://www.pbcelections.org/  
ElectionCandidates.aspx?eid=159](http://www.pbcelections.org/ElectionCandidates.aspx?eid=159)

## ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/15/18

Meeting Called to order at 11:35 AM 13 Members Present 1 Guest Present

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

PRESIDENT: Today we will have nominations for board positions and trustees. We already are short trustees and still need volunteers for these positions..

VICE PRESIDENT: Nothing to report.

SECRETARY: Asked if anyone had any objections to last month's meeting minutes as published in chapter newsletter. There were none.

TREASURER: We got money and gun raffle tickets that need to be sold.

MEMBERSHIP: Currently at 143.

SARGENT AT ARMS: Nothing to report.

SAFETY: Setting up at Harley.

DELEGATE: Duval chapter closed. August meeting is in Ocala. New coin available for purchase. Don't forget to use amazon smile for ABATE of FL. Tallahassee ride to capital will be in April next year. Nominations for State board are set. Lobbyist proposal was presented as Doc for lobbyist. Next meeting in June is in Stuart. Please plan to attend since it will be close. Leadership seminars in July are in Vero Beach. See newsletter for more info.

LEGISLATIVE: Full report is available in the newsletter. Scott will be running for Senate and won't be running for governor. Putnam will be running and is ABATE friendly. Scott will be running against Nelson. Tis session 3193 bills were proposed only 6.3% were passed.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Working on our Facebook page. May is motorcycle safety month.

PRODUCTS: Still no products person.

NEWSLETTER: Dropping print version to 80

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.



NEW BUSINESS: State elections there are 3 contested positions. Products, Treasurer and President. The nominees were discussed, next month as a chapter we will vote on the nominees. Chapter nominations were held.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Lake county chapter has a campground for those attending Leesburg Bikefest.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:42 pm

**ABATE Palm Beach Chapter APRIL Nominations for JUNE Elections**

**PLEASE NOTE:** I want to remind everyone that they may nominate themselves. As per ABATE of Florida Inc all nominees must be present at the May meeting to accept their nominations AND also must be present on the day of elections to accept their elected position. Your chapter membership must be current in order to vote and YOU MUST BRING YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD IN ORDER TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY! I WILL ALSO REMIND YOU. **IF WE DO NOT HAVE A NOMINEES FOR PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY and TREASURER WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE AS A CHAPTER!** IT IS IMPERATIVE SOMEONE STEP UP OR THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A PALM BEACH CHAPTER! Nighthawk ABATE PBC Secretary

**NOMINATIONS:**

President: Snooze nominated by Nighthawk DECLINED

LB nominated by Fred DECLINED

Nighthawk nominated by LB DECLINED

Vice President: LB nominated by Fred Accepted

Secretary: Nighthawk nominated by Hamish DECLINED

Treasurer: Vinny nominated by Nighthawk Accepted

Membership: Vinny nominated by Nighthawk Accepted

Sargent at Arms: Tony nominated by Fred Accepted

Safety: Slo Mo nominated by Nighthawk DECLINED

Delegate: Snooze nominated by Slo Mo UNDECIDED

Hamish nominated by Nighthawk Accepted

Slo Mo nominated by Nighthawk UNDECIDED

Legislative: Slo Mo nominated by Hamish UNDECIDED

PR Communications: Slo mo nominated by Nighthawk UNDECIDED

Products: No nomination

Newsletter: Slo Mo nominated by Snooze ACCEPTED

## 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. 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.

**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.

Membership Melissa Limbaugh 561-312-4080 [Melissapalmbeachabate@yahoo.com](mailto:Melissapalmbeachabate@yahoo.com)

## A.D.D. INSURANCE POLICY UPDATE

We all realize the \$4,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance policy is 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



## ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

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 — 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

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.

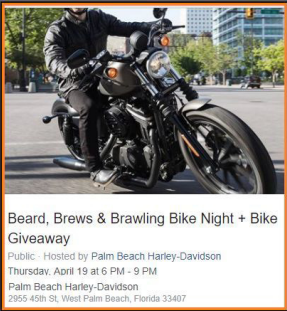
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SIGNATURE

Date:  MEMBERSHIPS FEE \$

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

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**Beard, Brews & Brawling Bike Night + Bike Giveaway**  
Public - Hosted by Palm Beach Harley-Davidson  
Thursday, April 19 at 6 PM - 9 PM  
Palm Beach Harley-Davidson  
2955 45th St, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407



**Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting**  
**VFW POST 4143**  
**Third Sunday May 20, 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

**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.