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President's Message

Ken Gerecke

WoW august already ! I don't need to tell ya it's hot out there so don't forget to hydrate yourself while out there riding.

So far it has been a terrible year for us all. I sure hope things get back to normal soon. There is some good news though our chapter has gotten some new members recently which is encouraging for the future of our chapter. I hope that trend continues. God knows we need them.

Aug.18th is our Florida primary so get out and vote !!

Ok I said I would be talking more about group fun rides, these are not ABATE rides. These are rides among friends so what this means is in order for it to be an ABATE ride we would have to take out insurance on each ride which would bankrupt our chapter in no time. In these crazy times we are living in there are not a lot of places open for us to ride to. So that said if you have a particular place you know is open and you would like to ride to please let us know so we can plan to do it. don't just leave it up to others get involved let your chapter know what is open and where you want to ride to so we can make it happen !

Our next state meeting will be in Clermont and it will be hosted by the Lake county chapter on August8th. As always your chapter delegates will be bringing you all the news from the state meeting at your next chapter meeting and in your next chapter newsletter.

If you don't normally attend our chapter meetings please try to make an effort to do so our next meeting will be on third Sunday August16th, your chapter needs your support !!

Ride Safe Ride Smart !

SNOOZE

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UPCOMING Event Schedule

Friday August 7 Black Piston's Open House

Saturday August 8 ABATE of FL state meeting Clermont Days Inn

August 9 to 16 Sturgis Black Hills Rally

Friday August 14 AOA WPB Open House

August 14 and 15 South Florida Tattoo Convention

3rd Sunday August 16 — Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. NOON Unless V.F.W. Post 4143 has re-opened. Our meeting will be in the dining room of Lakeside Anchor Inn 2412 Floral Rd, Lantana west of I95 Hypoluxo exit, north on Eastview Dr to right on Floral Road

Friday August 21 States MC Lake Worth Open House at new clubhouse

August 22 to 30 Laconia NH Bikefest

Friday August 28- Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House

Waiting on bar opening Thurs. August 27 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Sat. June 20 USMV MC South Broward Annual

Sat. nights Fly n Wheels Open House

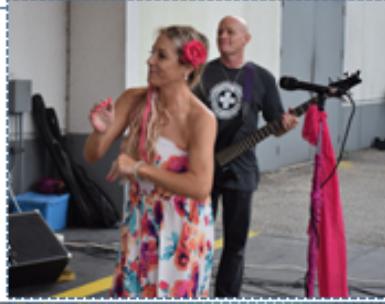
Sept. 7 Labor Day

Sunday Sept. 13 States Pompano Key West Tune Up Party

September 16 to 19 Peterson's Key West Poker Run

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Even with the rain some lovely ladies were there to party.



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. We ALL benefit from your membership, keep them up to date.

Electric Motorcycles: 5 Myths You Shouldn't Believe

Dispelling misconceptions surrounding e-motos
Ryan Adams July 23, 2020 22

As electric vehicles (EVs) become more mainstream thanks to the automotive industry, we see more and more information swirling around the internet. Unfortunately, not all of that information is up to date or correct at all. With battery tech improving drastically over the past decade, it can be hard to keep up with the current facts. Additionally, with so much information available, it can be hard to separate the wheat from the chaff to discern what's true and what isn't.

To help spread awareness in that regard, Motorcycle.com has decided to focus on dispelling five myths you shouldn't believe about electric motorcycles.

Electric motorcycles are only good for commuters

It's true. Electric motorcycles (EMs) are great for commuters. Riding a motorcycle to work not only makes the commute more enjoyable, but in places that allow lanesplitting, it can be much faster. That's not to say electric motorcycles aren't any good for every other type of riding as well. The instantaneous torque is exhilarating in a way that's unique to EMs, which makes for a lot of fun on twisty canyon roads. It's easy enough to ride out to your favorite mountain lunch spot, plug in for an hour or so while having lunch and chatting with friends, and head back out as Evans illustrated in his Energica Esse Esse 9 review. Even touring has become a more viable option as charging stations become more prevalent. Harley-Davidson just shared a story with us in which a rider celebrated his 50th birthday riding his Livewire over 1,400 miles from the United States' southern border to the northern border in Washington state. Sure, it still takes planning to enjoy electric motorcycles in a way that takes you out of the urban sprawl, but the versatility of EMs is ever-increasing.

Electric motorcycles take too long to recoup cost

With all things comparable, it's easy to see how a motorcycle with an internal combustion motor versus an electric motor stacks up regarding cost. As the miles rack up, traditional gas motorcycles require more routine maintenance. While oil changes are relatively easy and don't come around too often (depending on your riding habits), bigger maintenance jobs come further down the line such as valve checks. Zero Motorcycles portrays this fact in a graph on the "advantages" page of its website. As the miles rack up, the costs of an ICE motorcycle start to ramp up at a more significant rate than electric motorcycles. While EMs also show increased cost with increased mileage, the curve is much less pronounced. At the end of the day, how much you ride and which motorcycle you choose to purchase will play a large role in this comparison.

Are the batteries built to last?

Battery technology is always changing. Even within the last 10 years we've seen both battery capacity and reliability improve drastically. Most electric motorcycle manufacturers offer warranties that cover the motorcycle's battery from three to five years. Additionally, manufacturers are continuously improving ways to ensure batteries remain operating at the optimal performance level as long as possible. Energica claims its current batteries will last

between 149,000 to 249,000 miles before exhibiting a loss in performance. Some manufacturers such as Zero Motorcycles also have “hot-swappable” batteries allowing users to pull a few bolts and toss in a brand new battery. We should mention that while this is currently an option, extra batteries are not cheap.

There aren't enough chargers available

As acceptance of electric vehicles becomes more prevalent, companies and manufacturers alike are investing in creating significant networks of charging stations at all levels. The image above shows the current map of chargers from Electrify America, one of the largest open DC Fast Charging networks in the United States. The company plans to install or have under development, approximately 800 total charging stations with about 3,500 chargers by December 2021. “Our 50kW to 350kW chargers will be available at charging stations near highways, and 50kW to 150kW chargers will be available in metropolitan areas,” says Electrify America. While companies like Electrify America focus on building DC/Level 3 charging stations along highways, there are still a growing number of level 1 and level 2 charging stations in urban settings. This is an important point to consider when purchasing an electric motorcycle. Currently, Energica is the only brand that supports all three levels of charging.

But what about the range?

Range has been the number one point of contention for electric vehicles from the beginning. As mentioned previously, battery tech has, and continues, to improve rapidly. Electric motorcycle manufacturers are now claiming city ranges up to 250 miles with highway claims over 100 miles. While that may not sound like much to some, on average, that gives the majority of Americans ample range for commuting. For longer trips, yes, there still needs to be a plan in place to ensure you don't run out of juice, but EM manufacturers are also attempting to make it as painless as possible to schedule trips via apps that locate charging stations in your area or along your route.

<https://www.motorcycle.com/features/electric-motorcycles-5-myths-you-shouldnt-believe.html>

Damon Motorcycles announces Vehicle-To-Home electric motorcycle backup power

Micah Toll- Jun. 25th 2020 11:13 am ET@MicahToll

Damon Motorcycles is riding a surge in pre-sales for its upcoming electric motorcycles and is now announcing new markets and new features, including Vehicle-To-Home (V2H) backup capability.

Sales of electric two-wheelers have skyrocketed since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While electric bicycles reaped early benefits from the shift towards personal electric transportation, electric motorcycles have also seen a boon in sales.

Now Damon Motorcycles is the latest to announce a sales surge, claiming an increase of 60% in pre-sales since March 31st for its upcoming Damon Hyper-sport electric superbikes.

The Vancouver, Canada-based company is apparently doing so well in North

America that they are also now expanding sales into Europe as well.

As Damon Motorcycles founder and CEO Jay Giraud explained in a statement provided to *Electrek*:

"Our commitment to reinventing the future of motorcycling has been paramount amidst the devastating COVID-19 crisis. As the global economy slowly begins to rebound, we are excited to open pre-sales for the European markets and offer a safer, smarter and more sustainable motorcycle for the European two-wheel community."

The Damon Hypersport is one of the most anticipated electric motorcycles yet to reach the street. It was unveiled over a year ago and touts impressive tech including shapeshifting geometry and a suite of sensors to provide never-before-seen rider aides.

The bikes sport impressive performance claims as well, including a top speed of 200 mph (322 km/h) and a range of 200 miles (320 km). Keeping with the 200 theme, the bike is also purported to sport a 200 hp (150 kW) motor.



Damon Motorcycles is simultaneously unveiling a new feature for its Hypersport electric motorcycles: Vehicle-To-Home (V2H) backup power. That will allow the Damon Hypersport's 21 kWh battery pack to perform double duty, providing backup power to a home when necessary and serving as an emergency generator.

The US Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates the average US home energy consumption at approximately 30 kWh per day, meaning the Damon Hypersport could provide around two-thirds of a day's energy to the average US household. However, most homes would conserve energy in an emergency situation by running only essential devices, meaning the bike might be able to provide several days of backup power.

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Electrek's Take

This might not be the prime selling point for a bike, but the utility of V2H backup power is quite compelling.

I found myself in the direct path of Hurricane Irma in 2017 and was out of power for five days after receiving a direct hit from the eye of the storm. With three of my electric bicycle batteries combined with a [converter](#) and [inverter](#) that I snagged a few days before the storm, I was able to keep my family's cell phones, tablets and radios charged, and even run a fan (Florida in September without AC isn't fun). So I can attest to how nice it is to have even a small amount of backup electricity stored on-site during times of emergency.

And that was with electric bicycle batteries. Imagine what you could do with a 21 kWh backup battery on wheels.

I imagine that one day, V2H battery backup power will be a given, as it simply makes sense. For now though, only a handful of car companies and even fewer electric motorcycle companies are exploring it, and so I applaud the effort.

Of course, the whole idea of V2H from a Damon Hypersport is moot if the bikes never make it to the road. It's great to see \$16M in sales, but I'll be more excited when I see the first bikes rolling into customers' garages.

<https://electrek.co/2020/06/25/damon-motorcycles-announces-vehicle-to-home-electric-motorcycle/>

One Feature Of Ford's New F150 Should Make Motorcycle Riders Rejoice—And It's Not What You Think

Bill Roberson. I cover cars, trucks, motorcycles and the evolution of modern mobility technologies.

Ford's new F150 packs in more tech than ever, and in some creative new ways. FORD MOTOR CO.

As a long-time member of the motorcycling community, it's always hard to hear about a rider being involved in a crash with a car or truck. We understand the risks our favorite activity entails, but that doesn't make the bad news any easier to take. As we marshal support for the rider and their love ones, one question that typically gets asked early on is not what you might expect: Was the rider hit by a driver turning left in front of them?

For non-riders, this may seem like an odd thing to wonder about, but in motorcycling circles, it's a major and recurring concern since many, many riders are hit when car or truck drivers, seemingly inexplicably, turn left across traffic into the path of the oncoming motorcycle or scooter, even in perfect conditions where they should easily see them. Yet, they don't. It happens so often there have been numerous studies done on the phenomenon, and motorcycle training schools often teach riders to avoid the danger if possible.

Now, Ford's new and high-tech 2021 F150 pickup truck includes an interesting driver-assist feature/option that may save the lives of many riders. It's called Intersection Assist.

There are many theories about why drivers turn left in front of motorcycles when they are clearly visible as oncoming traffic. Post-crash, many drivers tell accident investigators "I

just didn't see the motorcycle," despite clear conditions and the bike having a headlight on. How could they miss it? Scientists think one explanation has to do with mental familiarity: The drivers are looking at the intersection and thinking "car" or "truck" and therefore they don't mentally see the motorcycle and begin their turn.

Ford's smart new F150 - which will also be available as a hybrid - looks to take the carmaker into a more technically accomplished future, and riders everywhere hope the Intersection Assist technology continues to be developed and hopefully finds its way into every Ford model - and far beyond.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/billroberon/2020/07/15/one-feature-of-fords-new-f150-should-make-motorcycle-riders-rejoiceand-its-not-what-you-think/#2582c373c525>

Impact of COVID-19 on the Motorcycle Industry - Sales Fell 10.6% During the First Quarter of 2020 - ResearchAndMarkets.com

July 03, 2020 08:57 AM Eastern Daylight Time

Motorcycle sales fell 10.6% during the first quarter of 2020 compared to the same period last year. Many manufacturers had to shut down their production facilities and as a result of lower production dealers may not receive additional models. Harley Davidson reopened factories in May and plans to offer a narrower range of motorcycles to dealers as a result of the shutdown in production. The company is also offering dealers financial support for motorcycle inventory and extending credit payment due dates on parts and accessories.

Several motorcycle manufacturers have seen high demand for online ordering during the pandemic. Polaris introduced the Click.Deliver.Ride program in response to high levels of traffic on their website. The program allows customers to arrange delivery of motorcycles from local dealers. Ducati also implemented the Ducati Delivers program which gives customers an entirely contactless purchase and delivery process. Ducati has reported that dealers have seen higher retail sales in April 2020 versus April 2019 as a result of this program. Analysts predict that motorcycles may see increased popularity post COVID-19 as a result of fears over using public transport and increased comfort with two wheeled transport through electric motor scooter services like Revel and Scoot.

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<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20200703005148/en/Impact-COVID-19-Motorcycle-Industry---Sales-Fell>

Motorcycle riding: Be prepared, be seen, practice risk management

FORT MCCOY, WI, UNITED STATES 06.26.2020 Story by Scott Sturkol Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office

As the 2020 motorcycle-riding season shifts into high gear, the Fort McCoy Installation Safety Office (ISO) reminds all motorcycle riders to be ready and armed with the best safety knowledge available.

“Motorcycling can be a great experience as long as one is properly trained, licensed, wears the proper protective equipment, and stays focused and keeps the motorcycle under control,” said Fort McCoy ISO Manager Randy Eddy. “Become a safe and disciplined rider, know the regulatory requirements you must abide by, and do whatever you can do to proactively mentor fellow riders to support a safe and disciplined culture.”

Army Regulation 385-10 identifies motorcycle safety training requirements for service members and, in some cases, Department of Defense (DOD) civilian employees who may ride government-owned motorcycles. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course (BRC) course meets DOD and Army standards.

For civilian motorcyclists on Fort McCoy, it’s also recommended they take a motorcycle-safety course. Those who want to find the nearest motorcycle-safety course training site to take a course should check with the nearest Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles office, or visit www.dot.wisconsin.gov/safety/vehicle/motorcycle/training.htm#other-schools. For training courses offered through ABATE of Wisconsin visit abatewis.org/programs.

Civilian motorcyclists traveling on Fort McCoy also must have: a valid driver's license with motorcycle endorsement (class M license) and insurance and wear the same personal protective equipment as military riders.

Eddy also offers these tips from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation:

- Stay visible. Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time.
 - Be aware of other vehicles’ blind spots. Flash the brake light when slowing down and before stopping.
 - Always dress for safety. Wear a quality helmet and eye protection. Wear bright clothing; a light-colored helmet; and leather or other thick, protective clothing.
 - Also apply effective mental strategies. Constantly search the road for changing conditions.
 - Use lane positioning to be seen — ride in the part of a lane where you are most visible.
- Watch for turning vehicles, signal moves in advance, and avoid weaving between lanes.
- Pretend to be invisible, and ride extra defensively.

For more information about motorcycle safety, go online to <https://safety.army.mil> or <http://www.msf-usa.org>, or call the ISO.

(The Fort McCoy Installation Safety Office contributed to this article.)

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/372921/motorcycle-riding-prepared-seen-practice-risk-management>

Aston Martin's first motorcycle is nearly here

Following recent spy shots of its new AMB 001 motorcycle, Aston Martin has released a dynamic testing video, showing the camouflaged mule during its on track debut at France's Circuit Pau-Arnos. And it looks chuffing marvellous.



Revealed last November at EICMA, the ground-breaking turbocharged motorcycle has been developed in conjunction with historic British motorcycle manufacturer Brough Superior, combining design from the former and the engineering from the latter to create a 'piece of automotive art'. Just 100 units of the track-only motorcycle will be built, each with the eye-watering price tag of €108,000 (£93,300).

The focus of the track testing is reportedly on the chassis, with the team assessing its

geometry, ergonomics and dynamic behaviour. Meanwhile, the 182PS (180bhp) turbocharged, intercooled DOHC, 997cc, V-twin is reportedly undergoing bench testing simultaneously. Thanks to a host of carbon-fibre components, the model weighs just 180kg dry, thus lending a power-to-weight ratio of one horsepower per kilogramme. While this is Brough Superior's first V-twin turbocharged engine, there have long been rumours that the gaping 88-degree V was designed to fit a turbo inside.

In terms of design, the AMB 001 features aerodynamic flanks reminiscent of Aston Martin's S-Curve, plus a fin mirroring the manufacturer's famous side strakes, running the length of the tank.

Commenting on the design, Brough Superior CEO Thierry Henriette said: "One of the key design features of the AMB 001 is an aluminium fin that runs along the full length of a carbon-fibre tank, passing under the saddle and out onto the rear. The body holding the fin and supporting the saddle is one of the areas where we called on the

unique knowledge of Mecano ID, who joined the project to apply specialist aerospace-quality carbon-fibre skills to the exclusive AMB 001.”



Aston-Martin-AMB-001-Brough-Superior-Goodwod-25062020.jpg

Aston Martin Executive Vice President and Chief Creative Officer, Marek Reichman added: “Everybody involved has managed to make tremendous progress with the development of AMB 001, despite the challenges we have all been facing. This special motorcycle is, like our road cars, the result of beautiful design melding with modern technology to produce a bike that any collector will be proud of. We are delighted to see how much progress has been made, both on and off track and look forward to the moment when production starts for this stunning machine.”

All 100 AMB 001s will be hand-assembled at the Brough Superior factory in Toulouse, France, from this Autumn, followed by first deliveries at the end of the year.

<https://www.goodwood.com/grr/road/news/2020/6/aston-martins-first-motorcycle-is-nearly-here/>

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Night Jupiter When bars open

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So When will Bars Re-Open?
And will they be having bike nights soon?
I keep checking Facebook and the biker sites for news. I stopped by Pirates' Well for dinner. Parking lot of full. They had some music in the outdoor tent. I asked my waitress about the bike night and nothing on that but they do have the Friday music and Monday car show. If weather allows think might do the table. Nothing new on Ralph's Stand Up page of being open nor bike night since Feb. Still waiting to hear about Gorilla Bob's bike night since Island Jack's was open. Hear being remodeled. Any news email me at bikeronlineguide@gmail.com

Lone Legion Brotherhood MC
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Saturday Night Happy Hour
6pm - ???

\$5 Entry
Includes Dinner
Chicken Parm Subs
Drink Specials
\$1 Fireball

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Since VFW not open meetings have been at Lakeside Anchor Inn Noon in the dining room
2412 Floral Rd,
Lantana west of I-95
Hypoluxo exit . Go north on Eastview Rd from east or west
Always try to be on the Third Sunday

2020

3rd Sunday Aug. 16
3rd Sunday Sept. 20
3rd Sunday Oct. 18
3rd Sunday Nov. 22
3rd Sunday Dec. 20

2021

3rd Sunday Jan. 17
3rd Sunday Feb. 21
3rd Sunday Mar. 21
3rd Sunday Apr. 18
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Chapter Elections
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**SOUTH FLORIDA
PRESIDENTS COUNCIL
BROWARD EVENTS**

AUGUST

7th-16th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
14th-16th South FL Tattoo Convention
16th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. -51st
ANNIVERSARY PARTY-
23rd-Sun Scurvy Few MC Annual
30th- Sun Southern MC Teddy
Bear Run

SEPTEMBER

7th-Mon Labor Day
13th-Sun States MC Pompano Key
West Tune UP Party
16th-19th Petersons Key West Run
26th-Sat Kingdom of Brothers MC
- ANNUAL**

OCTOBER

4th-Sun Mystic Seven Annual
10th-Sat Outcast - PARTY
11th-Sun S.E. ABATE - Annual
15th-18th Daytona Biketoberfest
24th-Sat Wheels of Man MC -
HALLOWEEN PARTY
25th-Sun CMA - MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER

7th-Sat Heathens MC - ANNUAL
11th-Wed Veterans Day
14th-Sat USMVMC CH 1 Annual
21st-Sat Leathernecks MC Annual
26th-Thurs Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

5th-Sat SFPC Toys in the Sun Run
12th-Sat Aligator Alley Toy Run Bike
Drawing
12th-Sat Hermandad Alfredo toy
Run and Memorial
12th-Sat USMVMC Wreaths
Across America
25th-Fri Christmas Day

August 2020

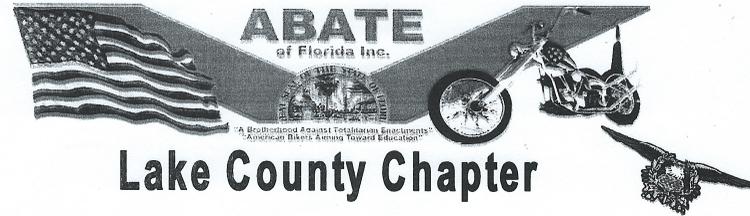
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September 2020

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DELEGATE REPORT

Every ABATE member should attend a State meeting. The August 8th meeting in Clermont is close enough for a day trip. But if you reserved before July 31 the \$59 night rate makes it a great deal for a overnight trip. Lake chapter is always is a good host and likely they will be having their anniversary party there.



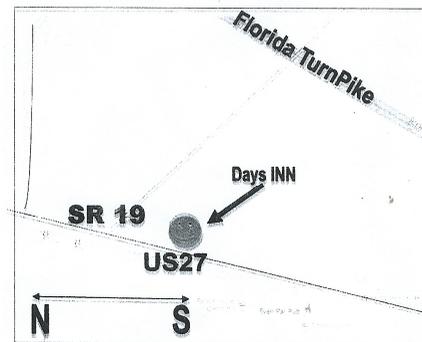
Lake County Chapter

State Meeting – Aug 8, 2020 -Lake County FL

State Board Meeting starts noon --- Delegates Meeting at 2:00

Meeting Hall: 20390 N US Hwy 27, Clermont @ Days INN

HOTEL: Days INN @ 20390 N US Hwy 27, Clermont



Hotel & meeting hall are in the Days INN, on US HWY27 about ½ mile south of turnpike. Mention **ABATE** for discounted rate of \$59 (tax not included).

Reserve before July 31st
352-429-0483

FRI 7-9 pm--meet & greet with food & beverages, upstairs in the breakfast area.
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Contact: Chapter Pres: GRIZ 352-516-2982
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Feb.13

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April 12 Ride to Capital

June 12

August 14

October 9

December 11

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Robert "Torch" Lyle

Niurka Crespo

Phil Moore

Michael Steffy

Bill Klawsnik

Gregg Lehman

Tom "Ramblin' Man"

Botticelli

Karen Watkins

"Bones" Maurice Clark

Danny Palm



Behind The Scenes Secrets About American Chopper, Paul Jr. got a big break in Hollywood

By Robert Coleman, Published on Apr 13, 2020

The 'American Chopper' reality show was a huge hit and it reached millions of people all over the world. After the cameras and crew stopped following Orange County Choppers around the shop found it hard to deal with a reduction in customers. However, one person who didn't seem to suffer from the show being canceled was Paul Jr.

The talented custom chopper creator was chosen to create the bikes for the 2016 comic book action movie 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle: Out of the Shadows.' The producers of the movie put a lot of faith in Paul Jr.'s bike-making talents because they didn't even give him any concept art to work with. Instead, he was given free rein to create a single bike, but director Michael Bay liked it so much he wanted Paul Jr. to make another.

Precinct Finder (<https://www.pbcelections.org/>) Palm Beach Elections Site - put in your address and get ALL your Election Information and look under My Districts for your representatives. In these sidebars Underlined District # , names link in the online version.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Palm Beach County FL House of Representatives

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772-545-3481 Hove Sound

D85 Rich Roth (R)
850-717-5085 Tallahassee
561-625-5176 Palm Bch Garden

D86 Matt Willhite (D)
850-717-5086 Tallahassee
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D87 David Silvers (D)
850-717-5085 Tallahassee
561-352-4824 West Palm Beach

D88 Al Jacquet (D)
850-717-5088 Tallahassee
561-650-6846 West Palm Bch

D89 Mike Caruso (R)
850-717-5089 Tallahassee
561-750-2396 Boca Raton

D90 Joseph A. Casello (D)
850-717-5090 Tallahassee
561-374-7850 Boynton Bch

D91 Emily Slosberg (D)
850-717-5087 Tallahassee
561-496-5940 Delray Beach

It is election season and you can tell by the blossoming of campaign signs by the side of the roads. It is important to vote in the primaries even though limited to your registered party. I've discovered the Palm Beach Elections website is not as informative as it was under the old administration. So if you have gotten your sample ballot in the mail as I have, that is going to be your better choice in knowing who is running in your district. So use that to do your research from that to make your vote count. - Slo Motion

SETTLEMENT REACHED IN VOTE-BY-MAIL BATTLE July 19, Dara Kam TALLAHASSEE --- On the eve of a trial slated to begin Monday, lawyers representing the state and plaintiffs in a legal battle over Florida's vote-by-mail procedures have reached a settlement.

Priorities USA, Dream Defenders and other plaintiffs have been seeking to expand the state's vote-by-mail process, arguing that the COVID-19 pandemic will result in a record number of Floridians casting ballots from home to reduce chances of being infected with the highly contagious coronavirus.

Among other things, the plaintiffs asked to extend a deadline for mail-in ballots to be returned. They also wanted free postage for the ballots and challenged a provision in Flor-

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D30 Bobby Powell (D)
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D31 Lori Berman (D)
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561-292-6014 Boynton
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District 20
Alcee Hastings

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Lois Frankel

District 22
Ted Deutch

ida law restricting paid workers from collecting mail-in ballots.

U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle had set aside two weeks for a trial scheduled to start Monday.

But on Sunday, plaintiffs and Gov. Ron DeSantis' administration notified the court that they had reached a settlement.

The agreement would require Secretary of State Laurel Lee to "educate" and "encourage" county supervisors of elections about a variety of vote-by-mail procedures that were at the heart of the lawsuit.

For example, the state's top elections official would be required to educate supervisors about pre-paid postage for mail-in ballots. The settlement also would encourage local elections officials "to maximize the use of drop boxes for vote-by-mail ballots" and to inform voters about the availability of the ballot drop-off sites.

Plaintiffs in the case argued that Florida needed to expand its vote-by-mail procedures because of COVID-19, which disrupted the state's presidential primary election in March and is expected to cause even more issues in the Aug. 18 primary elections and the Nov. 3 general election.

The settlement agreement, however, cited emergency orders issued by DeSantis that give county officials extra time to canvas vote-by-mail ballots and to conduct what are known as "logic and accuracy" tests before early voting begins.

The agreement also would encourage supervisors "to use the maximum number of early voting days available to them so ... they can avail themselves of additional canvassing days and maximize the availability of mandatory drop boxes for vote-by-mail ballots."

And the settlement would encourage supervisors to use their websites "and other platforms" to make vote-by-mail request forms and ballots available in Spanish.

While Sunday's settlement appeared to put to rest most of the elements in the left-leaning groups' legal challenges, some issues remain unresolved, according to Matthew Dietz, a lawyer who represents blind voters.

Hinkle has scheduled a 10 a.m. "settlement conference" Monday to address Dietz's concerns.

Dietz, who represents the Florida Council of the Blind and individual plaintiffs, is trying to get supervisors to use systems that will allow blind or print-impaired voters to be able to fill out ballots from home without assistance.

Under Sunday's settlement, Lee agreed to "educate the supervisors on the acquisition and use of any new voter accessibility technologies approved or conditionally approved by the secretary."

But the agreement wouldn't require supervisors to use the technology, Dietz said in an interview Sunday.

Dietz noted that the state received \$20 million in federal funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, known as the CARES Act, for elections-related expenses.

The money can be used to pay for OmniBallot, a system that Lee's office certified last week, that allows blind and print-impaired voters to secretly and independently fill out their ballots from home, Dietz said.

Dietz noted that the settlement came a week before the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which will be celebrated on July 26, and shortly after the Friday

death of civil rights icon John Lewis, a Georgia Democratic congressman and fierce voting-rights advocate.

"On two different elements, this really is the time to ensure that everybody has the right to vote," Dietz said.

Sunday's settlement, which still needs Hinkle's blessing, appears to have been a major concession by the progressive groups seeking to expand vote-by-mail procedures in Florida, a battleground state that Democrats and Republicans consider critical for a White House victory this year.

The Republican Party of Florida, which intervened in the lawsuit, declared "victory" in an email after the agreement was announced.

"Floridians choosing to vote-by-mail must have confidence that their vote will be safe and secure," state Republican Chairman Joe Gruters, a Sarasota Republican who is also a state senator, said in a prepared statement. "We are glad that the Democrat-aligned organizations finally saw the light and dropped their lawsuit."

The legal wrangling over mail-in ballots in Florida has come amid a national furor over absentee voting, with the man at the top of the Republican ticket in November railing about vote-by-mail for months.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly linked mail-in ballots with fraud, but this week he appeared to ease his stance on the process, which has been popular with Florida Republicans for years.

"You'll have tremendous fraud if you do these mail-in ballots," Trump told reporters on Tuesday, appearing to single out states in which elections officials are automatically sending absentee ballots to voters.

Florida's "no excuse" absentee-ballot law allows voters to request mail-in ballots without giving a reason. Elections officials throughout the state, struggling to find enough poll workers and precinct locations during the Aug. 18 and Nov. 3 elections, have encouraged Floridians to vote by mail to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

"Now, absentee ballots are OK, because absentee ballots --- you have to get applications. You have to go through a process," the president said Tuesday.

ADVANCES: WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020 July 17, NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- Nearly two decades after Florida suffered a black eye for a protracted recount in the 2000 presidential election, the Sunshine State remains in the national spotlight for elections-related litigation.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday refused to allow hundreds of thousands of Florida felons to cast ballots in next month's primary elections, declining to vacate an appellate court's order in a closely watched battle over felons' voting rights.

Legal wrangling will continue during the coming week in an unrelated federal case focused on Florida's vote-by-mail procedures.

A trial in the case --- a consolidation of legal challenges --- will begin Monday, which is also the deadline for Florida voters to register for the state's Aug. 18 primary elections.

The organization Priorities USA and other plaintiffs are seeking to extend a deadline for mail-in ballots to be returned. They also have wanted free postage for the ballots, and they're challenging a provision in Florida law restricting paid workers from collecting mail-in ballots.

U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle, who will preside over the trial, already dealt a blow to

the plaintiffs. Last month, Hinkle rejected their argument that requiring voters to pick up the tab for stamps on mail-in ballots amounts to an unconstitutional “poll tax,” saying the cost for postage was no different than the price voters have to pay to take public transportation to cast ballots in person.

During a telephone hearing on June 26, the federal judge said he was dismissing that part of the case, along with several other claims involving how elections officials are dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The plaintiffs asserted that the state hadn’t properly prepared for voting in an emergency, Hinkle noted.

“It’s speculative,” he said, adding that the circumstances around the upcoming primary and general elections remain unknown.

It’s “too speculative to start litigating now,” the judge said at the time.

The trial, slated to last at least 10 days, is the latest elections showdown between plaintiffs and Gov. Ron DeSantis’ administration as the 2020 presidential election looms.

The U.S. Supreme Court handed the Republican governor a major victory on Thursday by refusing to lift a stay on a May order issued by Hinkle in the unrelated voting-rights case. Hinkle’s ruling would have allowed hundreds of thousands of felons to register and vote in the Nov. 3 presidential election without paying “legal financial obligations” required under a 2019 Florida law.

The law, approved by Republican legislators and signed by DeSantis, was aimed at carrying out a 2018 constitutional amendment that restored voting rights to felons “upon completion of all terms of their sentences, including parole and probation.”

Monday’s trial comes amid a national furor over mail-in ballots, with the man at the top of the Republican ticket in November railing about absentee ballots for months. President Donald Trump has repeatedly linked mail-in ballots with fraud, but this week he appeared to ease his stance on the process, which has been popular with Florida Republicans for years.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: AND NOW, A WORD FROM THE SUPREME COURT July 17, Ana Ceballos

TALLAHASSEE --- This week, we interrupt your regularly scheduled coronavirus programming to tell you about a major U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

Hundreds of thousands of Florida felons won’t be able to cast ballots in next month’s primary elections, after the Supreme Court on Thursday let stand an appellate-court decision in a battle about a 2019 Florida law on restoring voting rights.

The high court’s majority did not explain its decision, which came just days before Monday’s voter-registration deadline for the Aug. 18 primary elections.

But Justice Sonia Sotomayor, in a dissent joined by Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elena Kagan, wrote that the majority’s order “prevents thousands of otherwise eligible voters from participating in Florida primary elections simply because they are poor.”

Voting rights groups asked the Supreme Court to get involved after the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals imposed a stay in a challenge to the 2019 law, which requires felons to pay outstanding court debts and restitution before they can register to vote. Opponents of the law have likened the payment requirements to a “poll tax.”

The stay, issued at the request of Gov. Ron DeSantis, put on hold by a ruling by U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle that would have cleared the way for felons to vote in the August primaries. The Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is scheduled to hold a hearing

Aug. 18 on the underlying issues in the case --- the same day as the primaries.

Thursday's ruling was a victory for DeSantis, whose lawyers argued Hinkle's ruling would lead to disarray if it took effect.

But Sotomayor wrote that the Florida law "creates an unconstitutional wealth barrier to voting," and she scolded the Supreme Court for recent decisions in other election-related cases.

"This court's inaction continues a trend of condoning disfranchisement," she wrote.

Now, back to our regular coronavirus programming.

GOP CONVENTION DOWNSIZED OVER COVID-19

As coronavirus cases soar in Florida, Republican officials announced Thursday they are scaling back next month's Republican National Convention in Jacksonville, with events now planned to be held in a mix of outdoor and indoor venues.

In a letter to delegates, Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel wrote that the four-day convention will be limited to regular delegates for the first three days of the gathering.

On the fourth day, when President Donald Trump accepts the party's nomination, delegates will be allowed to bring a guest to hear him speak.

The event will start Aug. 24 and has been planned for the Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena. But organizers said Thursday they also will hold some of the festivities at outdoor facilities amid concerns about the spread of the virus.

"We can gather and put on a top-notch event that celebrates the incredible accomplishments of President Trump's administration and his re-nomination for a second term --- while also doing so in a safe and responsible manner," McDaniel wrote to delegates.

SCHOOL REOPENINGS FUEL MORE DEBATE

More than a week after Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran ordered schools to reopen in August, DeSantis told reporters on Wednesday the state should not dictate local school-district decisions about reopening schools.

"I understand the commissioner has done some stuff on that, and that's fine. But at the end of the day, these school superintendents have unique constituencies, and it is going to be a collaborative effort," DeSantis said.

Corcoran issued the order July 6, the same day Trump tweeted that, "SCHOOLS MUST REOPEN THIS FALL!" The order said all school districts must reopen brick-and-mortar schools at least five days a week starting in August, unless local and state health officials direct otherwise.

Two days after the order was issued, the governor pushed hard to reopen schools as well. He said that if places like Walmart, Home Depot and Lowe's were considered "essential" businesses, then educating students at schools should also be considered essential.

The order has sparked confusion and angst among parents, as members of the State Board of Education acknowledged during a meeting on Wednesday.

Board of Education member Michael Olenick said there appeared to be a "disconnect" with state officials' messaging and what the order stated and called on Corcoran to rescind the part of the order that requires brick-and-mortar schools to reopen next month.

"If, in fact, they have flexibility, and we're acknowledging their statutory role to determine (reopening decisions) in their district, then let's say clearly that there is no brick-and-mortar requirement and that we are leaving it up to the districts," Olenick said.

But Corcoran said the provision would not be removed because parents need flexibility to send their children back to school campuses five days a week if local conditions allow it.

A few hours after that exchange, DeSantis told reporters that Corcoran's order should be viewed as a recommendation, not a mandate, for local reopening decisions.

"I don't think it is just going to be the Department of Education. I think they can recommend, but I don't think they can dictate every decision on this," the governor said.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Hundreds of thousands of Florida felons won't be able to cast ballots in next month's primary elections, after a U.S. Supreme Court decision Thursday in a voting-rights battle.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You would think the (Florida Department of Corrections) would be able to hire more people with a high unemployment rate. But when people read the paper, and see, oh, prisons are a COVID-19 hotspot, who goes and says, 'Yeah, I am going to go get a job there.'" --- Jim Baiardi, who leads the state corrections chapter of the Florida Police Benevolent Association, said Monday when asked about the pandemic's impact on prison workers.

ADVANCES: WEEK OF JULY 12, 2020 July 10, NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida's unemployment-compensation system has drawn a lot of criticism since the coronavirus began shutting down the economy in March.

But put aside the controversy and consider the raw numbers: 2.99 million unemployment claims filed since mid-March; nearly 1.68 million people paid; and \$9.54 billion in state and federal money out the door.

The numbers offer a way to measure the destruction that the virus has caused to jobs and businesses across Florida.

Another closely watched measure --- the June unemployment rate --- will be released during the coming week. The rate for May, as Gov. Ron DeSantis began efforts to reopen the economy, hit 14.5 percent.

DeSantis expanded the reopening efforts in June, but the state also has grappled with a surge in coronavirus cases. Florida has continued to see tens of thousands of new unemployment claims each week, but DeSantis sounded optimistic Thursday that the situation is improving.

"We obviously haven't had the job numbers yet, for our state in particular, but if you look at the national numbers, you know, we're obviously anticipating a positive increase here in Florida to be reflected from June," DeSantis said. "And then obviously, we want to continue to do that as we move forward and in a very safe way."

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL DEBATE July 10, NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida school officials, parents and teachers were thrown into frenzied debate this week as the state ordered schools to reopen full time in August.

The order, issued Monday by Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran, coincided with President Donald Trump's demand that schools reopen in the fall and a subsequent threat that he would cut off federal funding if they did not.

Gov. Ron DeSantis, a staunch ally of Trump, backed the push to reopen. And on Thursday, the governor argued that if fast-food restaurants and big-box stores like Home Depot and Walmart can reopen and be deemed "essential" businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, then schools should reopen, too.

But parents, teachers and students are concerned about going back to school amid a surge of COVID-19 cases in Florida. The state has recorded 120,092 new cases --- or roughly 50 percent of the state's total 244,151 cases --- in the past two weeks, according to data released

Friday by the Florida Department of Health.

DeSantis said he has “no doubt” schools can reopen safely because children are at an “extremely low” risk of getting sick.

But many parents and school employees said this week they are worried about putting themselves and their families at risk of getting sick if classrooms reopen in August. Some parents are mulling whether to send their kids back to school.

“It scares me,” Kristen Puckett, a mother of three who lives in Port Orange, said in an interview. “But it’s a matter of balancing. We still have to live, but we have to live carefully and only take risks that we need to take.”

The concerns have already been reflected in the reopening plans of some of the state’s largest school districts, including the districts in Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

“One thing is clear, at this time we do not see a realistic path to opening all district schools with 100 percent enrollment,” Broward County Superintendent Robert Runcie said in a video announcement Tuesday.

TIME TO GET ‘FLEXIBLE’ WITH CONVENTION?

DeSantis said Thursday the Republican National Convention in Jacksonville next month will offer a “safe environment” to attendees, despite widespread concerns about the surge in COVID-19 cases in Florida.

Meanwhile, Trump said the planning for the convention will be “very flexible,” as he was asked about the event during an appearance on the “Full Court Press with Greta Van Susteren” show.

“When we signed (to hold the convention in Jacksonville) a few weeks ago, it looked good,” Trump said Tuesday. “And now, all of a sudden, it’s spiking up a little bit. And that’s going to go down. It really depends on the timing. Look, we’re very flexible. We can do a lot of things. But we are very flexible.”

DeSantis said he was not surprised to hear talk about moving the multi-night event to an outdoor stadium or setting, where the risk of COVID-19 exposure could decrease. The convention is slated to take place inside the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, which can hold up to 15,000 people.

The governor pointed to Daily’s Place, a downtown amphitheater in Jacksonville that seats 5,500 people as a potential alternative location.

“I think it would be a healthy environment,” DeSantis said. “And here’s the thing. You do the safety because it’s the right thing to do. But delegates need to be comfortable going into places. And so, I think that they will be.”

TESTING AT HOMES FOR DISABLED UNDER SCRUTINY

DeSantis’ administration appeared poised to address rising criticism over its handling of COVID-19 in group homes that take care of residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Complaints about a lack of testing at group homes have been ongoing. The DeSantis administration said this week it is “evaluating options” to expand testing for staff members and residents at the facilities.

The administration also announced the state will start providing the names of group homes where residents and staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 on a weekly basis.

If implemented, the policies --- particularly access to free tests for group homes --- would be a reversal for the administration, which has prided itself on how it has taken steps to curb the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

“The Agency for Persons with Disabilities is committed to the highest standards of care for our customers,” agency Director Barbara Palmer said in a statement.

The agency already tracks COVID-19 cases at more than 2,000 licensed group homes that it licenses. While the DeSantis administration started making available the details of testing information at nursing homes and ALFs, it has not disclosed that data for group homes.

The potential changes highlight how Florida officials have handled the coronavirus outbreak differently between facilities that serve seniors and people with disabilities. Group homes were not included in recently passed emergency rules that require nursing homes and assisted living facilities to test staff members every two weeks. The state is providing free tests to nursing homes and ALFs to carry out the new policy.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran on Monday ordered schools to reopen at least five days a week starting in August, despite widespread concern about COVID-19 outbreaks in Florida.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “We spent months saying that there were certain things that were essential that included fast-food restaurants. It included Walmart. It included Home Depot and Lowe’s ... If all that is essential, then educating our kids is absolutely essential, and they have been put to the back of the line in some respects.” --- Gov. Ron DeSantis, at news conference Thursday in Jacksonville with U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia.

ADVANCES: WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020 July 3, 2020 NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- When Duke Energy decided in 2013 to permanently shut down a damaged Crystal River nuclear plant, it ended years of uncertainty about whether the plant would ever again produce electricity.

But that wasn’t the end of the story. The decision triggered a need to dismantle the plant and decontaminate and restore the site.

The process could take an important step during the coming week, as the state Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on a plan by Duke Energy Florida, the utility giant’s Florida subsidiary, to contract with another company to do what is known as “decommissioning” the plant.

In a petition filed last year at the Public Service Commission, Duke attorneys said the plan could trim as much as 36 years off the time needed to clean up and restore the site --- a process that might not otherwise be finished until 2074. The project has been estimated to cost \$617 million, with the money coming from a trust fund that has built up over time, according to the petition.

Duke attorneys wrote in a June 22 document filed at the Public Service Commission that the plan to contract with Accelerated Decommissioning Partners, LLC, “is in the best interest of DEF’s (Duke Energy Florida’s) customers.”

“Accelerating the decommissioning allows for faster restoration and redevelopment of the nuclear plant property for DEF’s future use and gives DEF a potential opportunity to return unused trust fund dollars to customers more than three decades sooner than the current decommissioning model,” the document said.

Missouri eases motorcycle helmet requirements

BY CAMERON GERBER ON JULY 14, 2020

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Gov. Mike Parson signed a bill into law that will ease helmet requirements for some motorcyclists.

HB 1963, sponsored by Rep. Travis Fitzwater, allows riders over 26 years of age with proof of health insurance to opt-out of using helmets once the law goes into effect on Aug. 28.

The bill saw opposition from a number of safety groups, including representatives for the National Safety Council and the National Association of the State Motorcycle Safety Administrators' Policy and Research committee.

“The repeal of the all-rider helmet law will have ripple effects across the state of Missouri,” representatives for Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety said in a statement. “More riders will choose to leave their helmets at home, resulting in more unhelmeted motorcyclist fatalities and injuries. These preventable tragedies will in turn upend the lives of their families and increase health care costs for all Missourians. We hope this imprudent policy change will be reversed in the future and the state’s universal helmet requirement will be restored.”

The group’s statement also said when Michigan loosened helmet restrictions in 2012, fatalities involving non-helmeted riders quadrupled. The group also said the previous helmet requirements had been a part of Missouri law for 52 years.

The bill saw extensive debate before passing through both chambers on the final day of the legislative session.

The bill contains numerous other provisions relating to transportation, including special license plates, funding for the state’s Hyperloop testing track project, vehicle registration, licensing, Real I.D., and highways named for fallen law enforcement officers.

HB 1963 was one of nine signed by the governor on Tuesday, concluding the signing of bills from the 2020 legislative session. Other bills signed on Tuesday included one establishing the “Authorized Electronic Monitoring in Long-Term Care Facilities Act” and one expanding the definition of a service animal.

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2020-2021 PALM BEACH Chapter Officers



ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter Minutes

The July meeting was on the 19th, noon at the Anchor Inn 2412 Floral Rd. Lantana since the VFW has opened yet. 14 members were in attendance

President's Report (Snooze): We've got beneficiary cards for your AD&D policy if you need one. Give them to Kelly and she'll take them to the state meeting for you. Secretary will send them in for you. Doesn't have to be on a bike it can be anyway, lane train, automobile. So the if you haven't turned on in come get a card and turn it back in. State keeps it on file. If something happens they will have to contact the state to get the policy. Got a new membership. We need to figure out how to boost membership. Officers please check the form for your info so that we can get the Board paperwork in to Boots.

VP Report: Harold I'm new. I'm here to support Snooze in whatever he needs. Please let me know if anyone needs anything. We need members. Especially those that don't ride without helmets. Let them know that we got them the rights to do that. Let's go on rides. Taking questions?

Treasurer Report (Suzanne): Absent

Membership Report (Suzanne): Absent At member one member renewed/joined

Secretary Report (Kelly): Like Snooze said, give me those AD&D cards. Motion to approve minutes as in last month's newsletter. Snooze seconds. Minutes pass.

Sgt. In Arms (Quiet Dan): Excited. Something to do.

Safety (Slo Mo): Tried to do a safety table at Harley yesterday but was rained out and low turnout so didn't do it. We might want to check out Crazy Uncle Mikes Bikes and Brews events on Sunday. If you know other places that are open and having events, please let him know. Everybody ride safe.

Delegate (Slo Mo): Next State meeting is August 8th in Clermont at the Days Inn, it's the

Lake County anniversary so there are activities. Leesburg is tentatively set for November. Whether it happens or not nobody knows. Would be the weekend after the election.

Legislative (Slo Mo): Elections are coming up. Can't endorse anybody but it helps to know who is for and against us. The primaries are August 18th. Important because we're voting for the local people and we want to figure out who is the best for the bikers. Important to vote for who you would like to see run your city.

PR Communications (Slo Mo): Newsletters are here, we're printing less because of the money situation. Need to get some ads. Speaking of money. Gun raffle tickets. \$5 a chance. Slo Mo and Snooze both have books. We also have \$5 to support motorcycle rights for a state Life Membership drawing. Member at large so does not cover your chapter fees. You don't have to worry about your AD&D expiring. It's only \$5 and it supports Abate of FL, Inc.

Products (Kelly): We've got some hats and shirts here if you want them. Slo Mo will be taking the money to Suzanne since she's not here. Who's interested in chapter patches? Looks like 5 small and 2 larges. Helmet anniversary patches will be \$10. Who wants one? Looks like about 10. I'll grab them at state meeting.

Old Business: Update on the lawsuit. It will be the 31st of this month. We will know what happens two weeks later at the State Meeting.

New Business: Are we planning on having our December event? We gotta get working on that. We could have it here at the Anchor because they treat us well. Rob is our best Alley

Good of the Order: Rides? We can't ride under the Abate umbrella unless we have insurance. But riding is more fun with friends. Let Snooze know if you want to go on a ride and then he can let people know. Snooze: A lot of things are closed so we should figure out what's open. J&S Fish Camp is always a nice ride. We need suggestions for places to ride and to set up tables and things. We don't know what's open. Snooze needs current list of who the members are and their phone numbers. We will get a current list once we send out the update. We also need to make sure that the membership list is updated.

50/50: Nighthawk won and donated his half back to the chapter.

Door Prize: Slo Mo got the gift cards. Darkside got the Ghost rider/Hellboy DVD

Kelly Motion to adjourn, Dan seconds Meeting ends at 1:10

August 16th will be the next Chapter Meeting. Likely again noon at the Anchor Inn but check our Facebook and website to confirm location.

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 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 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.

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

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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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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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Get your card at chapter meeting or our table at events. Keep membership up to date for the insurance



ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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

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

DRAWINGS ABATE of Fl. Inc. yearly does drawing as a fund raiser. This year there is a second drawing for a At Large Life Membership. So for \$5 you get a change to win this \$600 value with all the benefits of membership for life, your ADD Insurance will be permanent. The only drawback is that At Large does NOT include a chapter membership, you need to still pay \$20 a year to be in a chapter. Drawing will be at the February State meeting. See Slo Motion for tickets and Support ABATE.



In the past ABATE did a drawing for a motorcycle but that had problems especially when everybody was doing it. For the past several years, the drawing has been for rifles. See the image for information, drawing at ABATE December State meeting. Get your \$5 tickets from President Snooze or Slo Motion and at chapter meetings.

Abate of Florida, Inc.
Christmas Drawing
 1st prize: New Henry .30-.30 Lever Action
 2nd prize: New 12 Gauge Shotgun
\$5.00 Donation
Drawing Dec. 12, 2020

Winner will be notified and must qualify for ownership with a Florida firearms dealer
 Must be 18 or older to purchase a ticket
 FULL NAME MUST BE LISTED ON TICKET STUB FOR AWARDS DRAWING PURPOSES!
 PRIZE MUST BE PICKED UP 30 DAYS AFTER WINNERS ARE NOTIFIED

Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting
3rd Sunday August 16 , 2020 11:30
IF VFW NOT open meeting will be at Anchor Inn 2412 Floral Rd
Lantana Hypoluxo Rd west of I95
VFW POST 4143 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.
Support the VFW by having breakfast 9 am to Noon

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.