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President's Message

Ken Gerecke

Well I don't have to tell you that this has been a very difficult year for us all. Our membership is down to an all-time low! Never fear though your board of directors are working on ways to fix that. One way we are trying to fix it is by doing more group fun rides so look for these messages on your phone in the form of a text message. This is called our text alert system. If you are not on our text alert system you need to let us know we will put you on it so you will know what we are doing. Also you can go to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AbatePalmBeachChapter> or our website palmbeach.abateflorida.com. We are in the process of improving it so look for us on Facebook.

We have been having our monthly meetings at the Lakeside Anchor Inn 2412 floral rd. Lantana. If you are a current member or not, we would really like to see you at our next meeting on September 20th. Come out and support your chapter. Meetings have been short.

In other news we have state gun raffle tickets for \$5.00 each. You could win a new Henry .30-.30 lever action rifle or as 2nd prize a new 12 gauge shotgun! Drawing Dec.12, 2020 at the state meeting in Ocala. Also we have \$5.00 raffle tickets for a free ABATE of Florida at large life membership !! So get your tickets while they last!

Our next state meeting is in Oct. In Pensacola if you like to ride your bike long distance. this is the one for you! Let us know if you want to ride up with your fellow chapter members. Remember it is all about the ride! Plus you get to meet ABATE members from all over the state.

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Ride Safe Ride Smart !

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UPCOMING Event Schedule

Friday September 4 Black Piston's Open House

Monday Sept. 7 Labor Day

Friday September 11 AOA WPB Open House

Sunday Sept. 13 States Pompano Key West Tune Up Party

September 16 to 19 Peterson's Key West Poker Run

Friday September 18 States MC Lake Worth Open House at new clubhouse

Sept. 18 to 20 Destination Daytona Trike Fest

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Friday September 25 Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House

Waiting on bar opening Thurs. September 30 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM
Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Sat. nights Fly n Wheels Open House

Sunday Oct. 11 11-9 Charity Biker Event at Crocaddillos 109 fisherman's Wharf Fort
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Oct 15 to 18 SPACE COAST BIKE FEST is on at Space Coast Harley-Davidson in Palm Bay,
Oct. 16 to 18 NCOM Convention Indianapolis

Saturday Oct. 10 ABATE of FL Inc State Meeting Gulf Coast

Saturday Oct. 10 Hogg Wild Causeway Cove Marina 601 Seaway Dr. Fort Pierce FL

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November 5 to 8 Roscoe's Chili Challenge Lakeland FL

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Friday Nov. 6th Hang Out Friday

Saturday 7th 10 am RIP Run—night Party and Celebration of Life for Q

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Motorcycle Week begins with lower expectations

By MICHAEL MORTENSEN, THE LACONIA DAILY SUN Aug 21, 2020

LACONIA — Motorcycle Week kicks off today, but without the anticipation of excitement and hustle and bustle the event is known for.

Both promoters and city officials are unsure what the turnout for the 97th rally will be, but have said it will be less than in years past due to measures that have been taken to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Gone will be the vendor booths selling everything from biker paraphernalia and tattoos, to grab-and-go food. There will also be no special stages for outdoor entertainment, or so-called beer tents.

While there might be less to do in Weirs Beach than in the past, the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association is pointing out there are plenty of opportunities for bikers to enjoy the outdoors, and to travel around the state and enjoy the scenery and some of its iconic attractions. The group is also encouraging bikers to observe COVID precautions, including practicing social distancing, frequent washing or sanitizing of hands, and wearing face masks when not riding.

Gypsy tours are planned for next week, leaving from the Rally Headquarters tent on Lakeside Avenue.

The first organized event will take place today at 10 a.m. when the 14th annual Peter Makris Run rolls off from the Naswa Resort on Weirs Boulevard. Each year the event raises money for the Laconia Fire Department.

Another special ride is set for next Thursday when the Big Lake Crew chapter of the Combat Warriors Motorcycle Club will leave at 5:30 p.m. from the Laconia VFW Post 1670, located at 143 Court Street, and will go to the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscaawen to pay respects to those interred there. Club organized the event because the annual POW/MIA ride to Meredith was canceled due to COVID restrictions.

Many businesses in The Weirs are gearing up for the additional business they are hoping Motorcycle Week will bring.

The state Liquor Commission, which is responsible for administering the state's liquor laws, has met with all liquor-license holders in the city to emphasize that it plans to scrupulously enforce the COVID restrictions which limit the capacity of restaurants and bars and lounges, as well as regulations requiring patrons to wear face masks at certain times.

Some businesses have chosen to close down for the week, saying the regulations are too strict and could easily result in them losing their liquor licenses.

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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.

Get up to speed on motorcycle safety

In order to reduce motorcycle crashes and save more lives, Richland County Injury Prevention/DUI Task Force and Richland County Health Department is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to launch a new Get Up to Speed on Motorcycles safety campaign to help save lives on our roadways.

According to NHTSA, motorcyclists accounted for 13.6 percent of all traffic fatalities in 2018, while motorcycles make up just 3 percent of all registered vehicles in the United States.

In 2018, 4,985 motorcyclists were killed in motor vehicle crashes, a 4.7 percent decrease from 2017 when 5,229 motorcyclists were killed and more than 89,000 injured in motor vehicle crashes. In 2019, 22 motorcyclists were killed in Montana. As of July 28, 2020, 18 motorcyclist have lost their lives this year alone in motor vehicle crashes.

The state average for the past 10 years is 23 deaths, with the lowest being 17 in 2016.

Anyone who rides a motorcycle will tell you how vehicle drivers can unintentionally become huge dangers to their safety. By gaining a basic understanding of motorcyclists' riding behavior, motorists can drive more safely when motorcyclists are on the road with them.

With thousands of deaths each year, motorcyclists are overrepresented in crashes and fatalities. Per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are 27 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash, and 5 times more likely to be injured.

Even the smallest momentary lapse in awareness by a motorist can result in the death of an unseen motorcyclist. Data shows the most harmful event for motorcycles involved in fatal crashes were collisions with motor vehicles in transport.

Drivers should be more aware of motorcycles and follow these safety tips:

- Slow down, assess your surroundings, and don't rush when crossing intersections, entering the roadway from a parking lot or driveway, or turning left. Always give yourself enough time to thoroughly check for motorcyclists.
- When turning left, ensure there is enough time and space for the motorcyclist to clear the roadway before you initiate the left turn.
- Don't follow motorcyclists too closely and allow sufficient braking cushion between your vehicle and the motorcycle in front of you to give your vehicle enough room to come to a complete stop without a collision. Remember, a motorcyclist's brake lights might not always be engaged when a motorcycle decelerates.
- Always double-check your blind spots when changing lanes or starting to entering or exiting the roadways. Adjust your rear- and side-view mirrors and use them properly.
- If someone you know drives a motorcycle, tell him or her to always wear a helmet — even if the law doesn't require it. According to NHTSA, an estimated 749 lives could have been saved in 2017 if all motorcyclists had worn helmets.
- For additional information on motorcycle safety/awareness contact Don Smies, coordinator, at 406-433-2207.

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Ewan McGregor to Star in Motorcycle Series for Apple TV+

The "Birds of Prey" and "Doctor Sleep" star is bringing one of his real-life hobbies to the small screen for Apple TV+. Tyler Hersko Courtesy of Apple



Ewan McGregor has been motorcycling down and around the world for years, but now it's time to go up. Apple TV+ has unveiled "Long Way Up," McGregor's third motorcycle series with Charley Boorman.

Per Apple, "Long Way Up" will reunite best friends after more than a decade since their last motorbike adventure around the world. The show will cover 13,000 miles over 100 days through 16 border crossings and 13 countries, starting from the city of Ushuaia at the tip of South America. The series promises to tour "glorious and under-

exposed landscapes" in South and Central America as the duo undertake their most challenging expedition to date. McGregor and Boorman will journey through Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, and up through Colombia, Central America, and Mexico. They'll be joined by directors David Alexanian and Russ Malkin, longtime collaborators with the duo, via their electric Rivians.

The first three episodes of "Long Way Up" will make their global premiere Friday, September 18 on Apple TV+, and new episodes will roll out weekly.

McGregor and Boorman previously starred in "Long Way Down" and "Long Way Around," similar motorcycle series where the duo explored a wide variety of other regions. Both shows were adapted into books. "Long Way Down," the second in the duo's motorcycle series, premiered in 2007.

Outside his motorcycle adventures, McGregor has been plenty busy in Hollywood. He recently starred in high-profile films such as "Doctor Sleep" and portrayed supervillain Black Mask in the DC Extended Universe film "Birds of Prey." He is also slated to star as The Talking Cricket in Guillermo del Toro's "Pinocchio" and will reprise his famous Obi-Wan Kenobi role in an untitled Disney+ series centered on the character. That show has yet to be dated, but as far as previous television credits go, McGregor also starred in "Fargo" Season 3 — and earned an Emmy nomination for his dual roles — back in 2017.

"Long Way Up" will join an expanding offering of unscripted Apple TV+ series and films, including the recently announced "Fireball," an original feature documentary directed by acclaimed filmmaker Werner Herzog and Professor Clive Oppenheimer; the soon-to-premiere 2020 Sundance US Grand Jury Prize award-winning documentary, "Boys State"; and the, five-time Emmy nominated — including for Outstanding Documentary or Nonfiction Special — "Beastie Boys Story."

<https://www.indiewire.com/2020/08/ewan-mcgregor-motorcycle-series-apple-tv-plus-long-way-up-1234577842/>



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More important than our commitment to the industry is our commitment to you. We are taking all necessary precautions to provide a healthy and safe experience at AIMExpo 2021. We are regularly communicating with the Columbus Convention Center to ensure we are aligned with state and local guidelines. The convention center, hotels and local community are implementing programs that go above and beyond the minimum requirements set by government agencies. We will also follow the recommendations and guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization; and we will adapt and change our plans as recommendations become available. Some aspects of the show will look different, but our dedication to you and the greater powersports industry remains unwavering.

AIMExpo will be your first opportunity in over a year to attend a tradeshow – *a whole year. We look forward to seeing you in Columbus to kick start 2021 and share the tools and knowledge that will help keep our industry on this upward trajectory we've been recently experiencing*

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Bookshelf: The art and beauty of the vintage motorcycle

Book showcases Heroes Motors' restorations of aged two-wheel machines

By Larry Edsall -August 21, 20201225



Larry's favorite bike in the book is this 1929 Majestic 500cc | *The Art of the Vintage Motorcycle* photo

There are obvious differences between motorcycles and automobiles. Number of wheels. Degree of exposure of rider, driver and passengers to the environment. And at least one you can appreciate even if you never climb aboard a motorcycle — the fact that you don't have to open a hood to see the source of propulsion.

It is this later element that allows motorcycles, and especially vintage bikes, move from the realm of transportation to that of art, as works not only of mechanics but of sculpture to be seen and appreciated.

And yet the machine displayed in the stunning that most fascinated me was one in which the powerplant is hidden behind what amounts to automotive-style coachwork.

The bike is the 1929 Majestic 500cc, the creation of George Roy, a Frenchman who wanted a vehicle that was part automobile, part motorcycle, and so he spanned the front and rear longerons with louvered metal panels. While those panels hide the engine, a 4-stroke,

single-cylinder, air-cooled, 11-horsepower Chase, they actually enhance the bike's sculptural appeal.

In the text of *The Art of the Vintage Motorcycle*, we learn that Roy's motorcycles were among the first to feature then-revolutionary hub-center steering. We also read that he produced 100 of these half-car/half-motorcycle machines, painting those he did in 1929 red and those produced in 1930 blue.

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But the image in the book that I think best captures the essence of the machine is the pre-restoration photo with the coachwork showing an aged, dull-brown patina. Personally, I'd prefer the bike that way, preserved rather than restored in bright red, but Serge Bueno's art form is the restoration of such vehicles to give them renewed life.

Bueno grew up in France but dreamed even as a child of Southern California and its surfer lifestyle. He studied art and photography at the Beaux-Arts de Paris school, but found a career in computer technology, though spending weekends restoring motorcycles in his garage.

At age 40, he sold his company and moved to Los Angeles to open Heroes Motors, which has restored motorcycles for many Hollywood stars and has expanded with showrooms on La Brea Avenue in LA, on Melrose Avenue in West Hollywood and in Malibu.

To showcase his work, Bueno worked with French journalist and author Gilles Lhote to produce a stunning and thick book featuring 40 of the motorcycles Bueno has restored, bikes ranging chronologically from a 1905 Peugeot factory racer to a 1955 Norton Manx 350. In between there are Indians and Harleys, Excelsiors and BMWs, and perhaps a few from motorcycle manufacturers you'll be encountering for the first time.

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The photography is beautiful, the text is informative, and the paper is so thick as to add a luscious quality to the presentation.

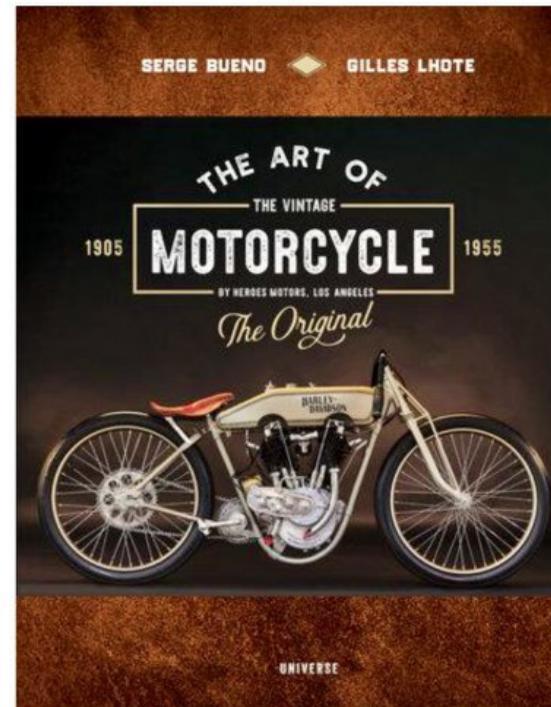
The book officially publishes in late September but you can pre-order it now for yourself or to jump-start your holiday shopping for the rider in your family.

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4 of the wackiest-ever motorcycle names come from an outfit focused on fun

Kyle Smith 20 August 2020

Naming conventions for many motorcycle companies amount to a mish-mash of letters and numbers more befitting of a Star Trek ship than a bike. Few marques break free from these cumbersome alphanumeric conventions. Hodaka—a small bike brand from the mid-1960s—did it very best.

First, some background: When the Oregon-based Pacific Basin Trading Company saw an opportunity arising from the growing popularity of Honda's small motorcycles in the late 1950s, it began importing Yamaguchi motorcycles direct from Japan, intent on selling them against the Honda bikes of the time. The gamble didn't pay off though, as Yamaguchi went out of business in 1963. Still seeing the demand for the machines it was selling, Pacific Basin Trading Company decided to cut out the middleman by going straight to Hodaka, maker of the engines for the newly-defunct Yamaguchi machines.

Hodaka worked with the Oregon crew to redesign the Yamaguchi Scrambler. The result was the lightweight trail-focused-but-road-legal Hodaka Ace 90, which hit U.S. shores in 1964. Starting in 1969, the names, frankly, began to outshine the machines. Here are just four of our favorites:

Super Rat The Super Rat supposedly got its name from a conversation that took place when one employee walked into a meeting discussing the then-new SR model and said, "what does that stand for, super rat?" The name stuck, and the 100c-c motocross-focused machine became a staple of the Hodaka fleet. Oh, this is just the beginning.



Combat Wombat

The Combat Wombat battled in the 125-cc class of racing. It boasted more aggressive geometry and additional power compared to the smaller and more approachable Super Rat. Of course, the chrome gas tank really dialed up the cool factor. Even if you weren't the fastest on the starting line at least you had the best-looking bike. Not to mention by far the coolest name, unless someone else was riding a ...

Thunder Dog

An evolving market forced Hodaka to keep up with the times, which meant the small, fun bikes of its early days would have to grow up. The Thunder Dog sized up to a 250-cc engine and became more enduro-focused, compared to the closed-course racers in which Hodaka was previously accustomed. In its day, the Thunder Dog was praised for its even power delivery, which is saying something in an era of light-switch powerband two-strokes. Only 1800 Thunder Dogs were produced.



Road Toad The Road Toad was—you guessed it—one of Hodaka's street-legal models. Of course, it was offered green, though not all of them were. At just 98 cc, the engine might have occasionally left riders wanting for power, but the wide-ratio five-speed and full light kit made it plenty capable for adventuring where ever the road or trail would take you.



Sadly, despite the cool names and fun bikes (seriously, we didn't even touch on the Dirt Squirt), Hodaka fell victim to cost cutting. Shell Oil, owner of Pacific Basin Trading Company since 1965, pulled the plug in 1978 due to a lack of profitability.

Got an even better lineup of bike names? Share it in the Hagerty Community. <https://www.hagerty.com/media/motorcycles/4-of-the-wackiest-ever-motorcycle-names-come-from-an-outfit-focused-on-fun/> **Photos** by Mecum

Dax Shepard says he needs surgery after motorcycle accident

By Lisa Respers France, CNN Updated 2:11 PM ET, Thu August 20, 2020

Dax Shepard of "Top Gear America" during an event in Pasadena, California, early this year.

(CNN) Dax Shepard takes full responsibility for a recent motorcycle accident he says left him with broken bones. *(He also co-wrote, directed and starred in 2017 Chips movie)*

The actor talked about the accident this week on a episode of his podcast "Armchair Expert."

He said he was reluctant to talk about it because he said he did "not want to get in the habit of getting attention for being injured."

According to Shepard, he was passing some others on Sonoma Raceway in California when he braked "hard enough that the back wheel was off the ground for a good 100 yards."

"I was totally at blame," he said. "I thought I would be able to slide in between, but someone turned in and I was already under full brake and I couldn't go anywhere."

The "Top Gear America" star clipped a bumper, went flying over the handlebars and landed hard.

Shepard said he wanted to keep riding, but it all proved to be too painful. He found out why once he went to the hospital.

"The final tally was four broken ribs, the clavicle's broken in three places and I need surgery," Shepard said.

On Wednesday, he shared a photo of his bruises on his verified Instagram account.

"Thank you Armcherries for all the well wishes and concern," the caption read. "I'm in one piece and spirits are high :) Sorry for causing concern."

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Once a Month Tues
2nd Tues Jupiter Moose Bike Night

Wed Bike Night with Gorilla Motors
TBA

Wed Pirates Well Bike Night
9477 Alt. A1A Lake Park

Last Wed Gatti's Garage Bike
Night 130 South H St Lake Worth

1st Thurs PBH Abacoa Bike Night
1st Thurs. Howley's Bike Night
4700 S Dixie WPB
Last Thurs Turboz/Ralph's Bike
Night Jupiter When bars open

1st Fri Enforcers MC Party
1st Fri Black Pistons MC WPB
Open House
2nd Fri AOA WPB Open Houses
3rd Fri States MC Lake Worth
Open House 8pm @LLB
4th Fri Lone Legion MC Brother-
hood Open House

SAT HOG Morning Palm Beach
Harley and often other events and
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SAT night Fly n Wheels Open

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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
3rd Sunday May 16
3rd Sunday June 20
3rd Sunday July 18
3rd Sunday Aug. 22



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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-SunMystic 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
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25th-Fri Christmas Day

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
All Events subject to change		1	2	3	4 Black Pistons Open House	5 Fly n Wheels Open House
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 AOA WPB Open House	12 Fly n Wheels Open House
13 States Pomp. Key West Tune UP Party	14	15	16 Peterson's Key West Poker Run	17 Peterson's Key West Poker Run	18 States LW Open House Peterson's Key West Poker Run Destination Daytona Trike Fest	19 Fly n Wheels Open House Peterson's Key West Poker Run Destination Daytona Trike Fest
20 ABATE PB Chapter Meeting Destination Daytona Trike Fest	21	22	23	24	25 Lone Legion Open House	26 Fly n Wheels Open House Kingdom of Brothers MC Amaral
27	28	29	30			

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Black Pistons Open House	3 Fly n Wheels Open House
4 Mystic Seven Annual	5	6	7	8	9 AOA WPB Open House	10 Fly n Wheels Open House ABATE FL State Meeting Hogg Wild Ft. Pierce
11 Charity Biker Event at Crocadillos Fort Pierce S.E. ABATE - Annual	12	13	14	15 SPACE COAST BIKE FEST is on at Space Coast Harley- Davidson Palm Bay, Daytona	16 States LW Open House NCOM Convention Space Coast Bikefest Daytona Biketober-	17 Fly n Wheels Open House NCOM Convention Space Coast Bikefest Daytona Biketober-
18 ABATE PB Chapter Meeting NCOM Convention Space Coast & Daytona Bikefest	19	20	21	22	23 Lone Legion Open House	24 Fly n Wheels Open House Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party
25 CMA - Memorial	26	27	28	29	30	31 Fly n Wheels Open House

DELEGATE REPORT

Last month I went to my first state meeting in Clermont. I took off Friday and found a nice scenic route out around Sebring to get there. Lake County did a great job hosting the meeting. They planned a meet and greet Friday night as well as a ride for Saturday before the meeting.

The ride took us through the "hills" of Central FL and we stopped at a cool little dive in the middle. The Lake County chapter also did a great job coming up with creative ways to make money for the state over the course of the weekend and in the end made a few thousand dollars. This will definitely help out the state.

During the meeting we approved Docs salary as lobbyist so that he can continue working on the Vulnerable Rode User's Act. He's done a great job over the years, we just need to make sure we continue to make enough money to support his endeavors. We have to continue to get our name out there and attract new people. That's one of the reasons that the state PR officer has been talking to Sport Bikers and will have a feature in *Born to Ride*.

Gulf Coast has now taken over the state Facebook page so if you're not on that, get on it. You'll be able to see what the other chapters are doing plus they've got this idea for a virtual bike show. This will be a fun fundraiser and Facebook Content generator.

I had a great time hanging out with everyone and meeting people from different chapters. I'm connected with a lot of them on social media and am hoping to go out and support their chapter events when possible.

The next meeting is in October in Pensacola. So if you're interested get your hotel booked and your bike ready for the 11 hour ride.

Kelly Green

STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter & Location

2020 State Meetings

Oct. 10 Gulf Coast

Pensacola

Dec. 12 Forest

2021 State Meetings

Feb.13 Polk

April 11 Tallahassee

April 12 Ride to Capital

June 12 Vintage St. Aug

August 14 Lake

October 9 Gulf Coast

Dec. 11 Peace River

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Frank "Pipes" Cook

Robert "Torch" Lyle

Niurka Crespo

Phil Moore

Michael Steffy

Bill Klawsnik

Gregg Lehman

Tom "Ramblin' Man"

Botticelli

Karen Watkins

"Bones" Maurice Clark

Danny Palm

While I was at the State board meeting, Snooze and Kelly got th pleasure to take Lake Chapter ried around the county. I've put the photos and route on our Facebook page..

“Scribe” (State VP Darrin) continues his YouTube blogs, including a brief one of the august meeting. I added a link to them on our website on the right column of State links.

State office urges to get in the completed AD forms and remind members to get requests for it within the 90 day limit.

Gulf Coast chapter sweep ALL the awards for Highest growth and most new members for both May and June..

The State website and newsletter are undergoing updates and redesign.

The December State meeting will have a clearance sale for products so new one can be added. Also that is when the gun drawing will be held.

Other states have asked to use the language of our Vulnerable Road Users bill and it was okayed to share. I think I would be great to have other states get it passed as might help us in getting it done. While this is the 20th anniversary of the Helmet choice, ABAE has been busy doing other items like the vertical tags. Our lobbyist thinks the Presidential race will be close so get out and vote Get to know all the candidates and keep in touch in a positive way.

NCOM convention is Oct 16 & 17.
Tallahassee state meeting is Sunday April 11 with the 12th being the Ride to the Capital. There has been talk with Georgia ABATE of a State Line party. The state meeting for 2021 were set and are on the report sidebar.

The October state meeting is the 10th in Pensacola by Gulf Coast. Hotel rates are good.



ABATE OF FL, INC
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Hosted by: **GULF COAST CHAPTER**
Saturday October 10, 2020



Board Meeting at 12:00pm CST
Delegates Meeting at 2:00pm CST



Meet and Greet
Friday Night at Wayside Park
1401 E Gregory St Pensacola, FL
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Afterwards lets all go and paint Graffiti Bridge with "Watch For Motorcycles", and add your own personal touch from your local Chapter.



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Pensacola FL
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850-717-5081 Tallahassee
561-470-2086 Boca/Belle Glade

D82 Mary Lynn Magar (R)
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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
561-791-4071(2) WPB

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

The Primaries are done so now we just have to deal with the mudsling and lies until the November elections.

ADVANCES: WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2020 August 21, NSF Staff
TALLAHASSEE --- The photo on the Florida State University website might tell the story of the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Six students, wearing masks, are carefully distanced around the university seal.

As FSU begins its academic year Monday, it will join schools at all levels across Florida in trying to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Best case will be like those six students --- wearing masks and keeping their distances to try to prevent the spread of the disease. Worst case will be students from elementary schools through universities testing positive for COVID-19, forcing hard decisions about whether to keep classrooms open.

A Leon County circuit judge is expected to decide in the coming days whether the state overstepped when it ordered local school districts to open classrooms for in-person learning this month. But whatever the judge decides, the reality is that students from kindergarten through graduate school have already shown up on many campuses.

It's safe to say most probably don't

Palm Beach County FL Senators

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772-221-4019 Stuart

D29 Kevin Rader (D)
850-487-5029 Tallahassee
561-443-8170 Boca Raton

D30 Bobby Powell (D)
850-487-500 Tallahassee
561-650-6880 WP Bch

D31 Lori Berman (D)
850-487-5031 Tallahassee
561-292-6014 Boynton

FEDERAL U.S. Senators

Marco Rubio
Rick Scott

U.S. HOUSE

District 18
Brian Mast (R)

District 20
Alcee Hastings

District 21
Lois Frankel

District 22
Ted Deutch

want to get sent home again like they did in March when the pandemic hit.

FSU President John Thrasher appears to be trying to focus on the positive.

“While the past few months have been challenging, the new academic year always brings a sense of energy and hope to campus,” Thrasher said on the FSU website. “We’re thrilled to welcome one of our brightest freshman classes and a record number of graduate students.”

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: BRING OUT THE DECISION TREE August 21, Ana Ceballos

TALLAHASSEE --- Record levels of mail-in ballots and several election upsets marked what was otherwise a sleepy Florida primary this week.

But like all things Florida politics, even the seemingly mundane had its moments. Take, for instance, a storm toppling a mail-in-ballot drop-off tent or a naked man reported outside a voting site in Leon County.

“Other than a few shaking heads and giggles, no voters were impacted,” Leon County Supervisor of Elections Mark Earley told The News Service of Florida.

Aside from the weird, Florida voters picked candidates backed by party leaders in some key state Senate races (Senate District 9 in Seminole and Volusia counties, Senate District 27 in Lee County, Senate District 29 in Palm Beach County, Senate District 35 in Miami-Dade and Broward counties and Senate District 39 in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties), while soundly rejecting several incumbents in various parts of the state.

State House members Al Jacquet and Mike Hill, who clashed with members of their own parties over anti-gay statements, were voted out on Tuesday. Voters also unseated Rep. Kim Daniels, a Jacksonville Democrat who drew criticism from some other Democrats, in part because of her support for issues like school vouchers and abortion restrictions.

In congressional races, the biggest news of the night was Republican incumbent Ross Spano losing his seat.

Voter turnout statewide reached 28 percent on Tuesday, the highest level for a primary since 2002, according to the Florida Division of Elections website. More than 3.8 million Floridians participated in the election, with 2.3 million of them casting ballots by mail.

With Tuesday’s primary elections in the books, all eyes are on the Nov. 3 general election where President Donald Trump is at the top-of-the-ticket and key open seats in the state Senate are at stake.

THE DECISION TREE

Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran is urging local school officials to be “very surgical, not sweeping” when responding to COVID-19 cases, which he acknowledged are likely to occur as classes resume this month.

“If you have a COVID-19 case or you have (COVID-19) symptoms, don’t panic,” Corcoran told school superintendents in a conference call. “Communicate with everybody and be open and transparent about it. We are going to have cases, and that’s OK.”

State education officials are also asking local school officials to contact a COVID-19 team within the Department of Education before deciding to shut down classrooms or schools in response to positive cases.

“Simply being in the same classroom, building, or at the same event as a positive or symptomatic person does not mean someone must be contact-traced and self-isolated,” state officials wrote in a Tuesday report, which was shared with Florida school superintendents. The 12-page report said local school officials should look at the “coronavirus symptomatic decision tree” to determine who should be sent home, for how long and for what symptoms.

Corcoran said he would not recommend quarantining an entire classroom if a student tests positive for COVID-19. Instead, he said school officials should consider quarantining a portion of the class or students who came into contact with an infected student for 15 minutes or longer.

TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN

The economic upheaval that has left hundreds of thousands of Floridians without jobs might also upend health insurance for children in working families.

There is a growing fear that families dealing with the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic cannot qualify for low-cost children's health coverage offered in state programs yet may not easily transition to Medicaid, the safety-net program for poor, elderly and disabled people.

"We are hearing from people who have always had stable health insurance and a good income," Jodi Ray, director of Florida Covering Kids and Families at the University of South Florida, told the News Service. "Now, all of a sudden, they have to apply and they are trying to fill out Medicaid applications and they don't know what they are doing. They have never had to go through this."

Based on trends since the pandemic began causing businesses to shed jobs in the spring, state economists are predicting that as many as 58,876 fewer children will enroll in the Florida KidCare program this year than previously anticipated. Economists put the blame on the "persistent pandemic induced economic contraction."

KidCare is the name given to Florida's version of what's known federally as the State Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP.

KidCare provides subsidized insurance for children between ages 1 and 18 who live in families with incomes between 133 percent and 200 percent of the federal poverty level. That translates to an annual income of between \$34,848 and \$52,404 for a family of four, which doesn't make them wealthy, but makes them too rich to qualify for Medicaid.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Buoyed by vote-by-mail, more than 3.8 million Florida voters participated in Tuesday's primary elections, choosing candidates who will move on to the Nov. 3 general election.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We have no business opening schools by a certain deadline, and certainly not by Aug. 31. We're simply not ready. We don't have the things in place to open." --- Orlando pediatrician Annette Nielsen, during a hearing Wednesday in a legal challenge to an emergency order by Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran requiring schools to reopen five days a week in August.

ADVANCES: WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020 August 14, NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- Election Day is now more like election weeks. And with the coronavirus pandemic making many people wary of lining up at polling places, mail-in ballots and early voting have drawn heavy attention heading into Tuesday's primary elections.

But regardless of how ballots are cast, the primaries will help decide the makeup of Florida's congressional delegation, the state Legislature and dozens of city and county boards. As an example, voters will go a long way toward choosing replacements for Republican U.S. House members Francis Rooney and Ted Yoho, who decided against seeking re-election this year. Numerous Republican candidates have lined up to run in Rooney's Southwest Florida district and Yoho's North Florida district, both of which are GOP strongholds.

Similarly, the exits of Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto, R-Fort Myers, **Sen. Kevin Rader, D-**

Delray Beach, and Sen. Oscar Braynon, D-Miami Gardens, have led to closely watched state Senate primaries. The winners of the Republican primary for Benacquisto's seat and the Democratic primaries for the other two seats will be heavy favorites heading into the Nov. 3 general election.

Also, primaries in state House districts will play out Tuesday from Pensacola to Key West, with many of the most-competitive races in districts where incumbents are leaving office because of term limits.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: RINGING IN THE SCHOOL YEAR August 14, Ana Ceballos

TALLAHASSEE --- As kids go back to school, Florida is going to court.

A legal challenge over a state mandate to reopen schools is intensifying as students in 13 counties packed their book bags --- and face masks --- and headed back to classrooms this week. Children in at least another dozen counties are set to return to school next week.

The anxiety over the reopening of brick-and-mortar schools spilled into a Tallahassee courtroom on Thursday and Friday.

Gov. Ron DeSantis, Corcoran and state education officials are locked in a lawsuit filed by the Florida Education Association, which alleges that an emergency order issued by Corcoran requiring schools to reopen this month is unconstitutional. The union representing Orange County teachers filed a similar legal challenge, and the cases have been consolidated.

The unions are seeking a temporary injunction "to stop the reopening of schools until it is safe to do so."

State officials, however, are arguing that kids should have the option of in-person instruction because it is more effective than distance learning.

As the politically charged court battle drags on, students, parents and school employees are preparing for a new school year that will look very different while the coronavirus remains a threat.

The governor told reporters in Sarasota on Friday that the 13 districts that reopened this week have "had success."

He doubled down on the need to offer parents the choice to send their kids back to school.

"As governor, I really appreciate it because they really are having to go above and beyond to provide all these options to parents and ultimately opportunities for our kids," DeSantis said.

When asked whether schools should shut down if there is an outbreak, the governor said he hopes school districts take a "more surgical approach" to increases in positive COVID-19 cases rather than shuttering schools.

During a hearing Friday morning, Leon County Circuit Judge Charles Dodson encouraged the state and the unions to iron out their differences without having the court intervene. "This is a case that cries out for the parties to get together at this mediation and come up with an agreement. It's a very complicated case. I know that," Dodson said. "And between the governor and the education commissioner and the plaintiffs, I'm confident that if you all work really hard, you can do that, and I'm very hopeful that you can."

SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO?

Teachers in various parts of the state have been considering an early retirement, resigning or taking a leave of absence rather than return to school amid the COVID-19 pandemic, accord-

ing to surveys conducted by school districts and unions.

The considerations come amid the state's push to have all school districts offer in-person instruction. Some teachers feel they are being forced to choose between their livelihood and their health.

"For the first time in a very long time, I am feeling stressed. It is just a lot for me to process because I am being asked to do something that the science and the data are telling me there is an untenable amount of risk involved," Dave Galloway, a sixth grade science teacher in Jackson County, said in an interview Tuesday.

In rural Jackson County, eight teachers said they would take a leave of absence, two said they would resign and two others said they would retire early, according to Galloway, who serves as the president of the Jackson County Education Association.

A July survey found that 52 educators in Pasco County, or roughly 1 percent of respondents, would either resign or take a leave of absence if asked to come back, according to school district spokesman Stephen Hegarty.

Fourteen Pinellas County school employees resigned before the start of the school year and 47 have requested a leave of absence, Associate Superintendent of Human Resource Services Paula Texel said at a school board meeting Tuesday.

A mid-July survey conducted by the Florida Education Association found that 18,082 educators said the pandemic has "made them more likely to retire or leave education earlier than planned." But it is unclear how many of them have acted on that sentiment.

DeSantis has maintained that district employees and teachers should not be forced to return to school if they are uncomfortable about the virus. Alternative work accommodations, however, are determined at the local level.

'TREMENDOUS CONFUSION'

After many twists and turns in the legal battle over a 2018 constitutional amendment that restored voting rights to felons upon completion of their sentences, lawyers and felons say they continue to face uncertainty about voting eligibility.

The legal wrangling and incomplete or contradictory court records have erected at-times insurmountable barriers for Florida felons who want to participate in one of the bedrock elements of democracy: voting.

"It has caused tremendous confusion among the lawyers and pro bono lawyers that have been trying to assist people for over a year. So you can only imagine the confusion of the people that are applying," Miami-Dade County Public Defender Carlos Martinez told The News Service of Florida.

Dozens of lawyers throughout the state are working with organizations such as the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, the Alliance for Safety and Justice and the League of Women Voters of Florida to help felons determine whether they have outstanding financial obligations and to clear up the debts so they can register to vote. Floridians have until Oct. 5 to register to vote in the November general election.

It can be difficult to ascertain fees or costs assessed in decades-old cases, whose records can be on microfilm, Attorney Carin Levine said. And it's even more challenging to find out what payments were made, if any.

"It's especially hard to determine where restitution goes to. And sometimes the public clerk website has different information on it than the internal website that the public doesn't have access to. And once you miss a payment or you're past due, 90 days later, they send it

to a collection agency. And that collection agency immediately adds 40 percent plus interest and late fees," she said.

STORY OF THE WEEK: A Leon County circuit judge on Friday refused to dismiss a lawsuit challenging a state order requiring schools to reopen in August, as students in 13 counties returned to classrooms this week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Just as the SEALs surmounted obstacles to bring Osama bin Laden to justice, so too would the Martin County school system find a way to provide parents with a meaningful choice of in-person instruction or continued distance learning." --- Gov. Ron DeSantis, referring to Martin County Superintendent Laurie Gaylord's comments that the school re-launch was a mission "akin to a Navy Seal operation."

BACKROOM BRIEFING: GIVING GRADES TO CITIES, COUNTIES August 13, Jim Turner
Weekly political notes from The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE --- A \$117,000 website that grades and lets people compare cities and counties based on spending, crime and education was rolled out by the state House this week.

House Speaker Jose Oliva, R-Miami Lakes, said in a press release the new Taxpayer Accountability & Transparency Project --- www.floridatxpayers.com -- "gives residents a useful tool to help them make educated judgments and hold their elected officials accountable."

The House worked with Sachs Media Group on the project, with some work done in-house --- video production, the press release and a social media launch --- to save on costs, according to a House spokeswoman.

House members in March approved bill (HB 7069) that included a similar proposal, but the measure died in the Senate. The House then went ahead on its own with the project. In February, when the grading proposal went before the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Joe Geller, D-Aventura, wondered if communities could face low grades for having incurred debt to provide a higher quality of life.

The local-government grading proposal also drew opposition from the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties.

"If you have a city that doesn't have a lot of residents, they're heavily tourists or a college town, you're going to have fewer residents though your budget might be quite high," Laura Youmans, legislative counsel for the Florida Association of Counties, told the Appropriations Committee. "That budget is going to serve the industry and businesses and the visitors there, so that would skew your numbers and make that city look worse and make cities that may not be doing as well better by comparison."

The House news release said only "raw and per-capita data" was used, "with no value judgments made regarding the relative importance of any one factor over any other." Cities and counties draw grades and rankings based on six-year averages of per-capita spending and debt, spending on government salaries, full-time government employees per 100,000 residents, violent and property crime, local school grades and graduation rates.

Not every municipality is graded. An "N/A" is posted on report cards for some tiny municipalities where no data was available.

BONDI BACK IN TOWN

Former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi campaigned in Tallahassee this week for President Donald Trump.

And while in town, she gave her two cents about the current dynamics of the Florida Cabinet,

amid clashes between Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis and Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, the only statewide elected Democrat.

When Bondi was in office from 2011 to 2019, the governor, attorney general, agriculture commissioner and chief financial officer were all Republicans. She pointed the finger at Fried for the current divisions.

“The four of us on the Cabinet, of course, worked so well together,” Bondi said. “It’s just a shame that one person is trying to drag the governor down and other people. But that’s not gonna happen.”

Bondi also dismissed Fried’s chances of successfully running against DeSantis in 2022.

“She can’t be governor,” Bondi said. “I’ll say that any day of the week.”

Last week, Fried in a radio interview said she is “looking into” a gubernatorial run in 2022, but her focus is getting the state and the agriculture industry through the coronavirus pandemic. After leaving office, Bondi went to work for the lobbying firm Ballard Partners and was a high-profile surrogate in Trump’s impeachment defense.

Those duties have kept her from being able to closely follow the inner workings of the Cabinet, where she was known for promoting rescue dogs for adoption at the start of meetings.

This week, Bondi was on a tour bus for the Trump campaign that made a three-day swing from Central Florida to the western end of the Panhandle.

The Cabinet has met only once since Feb. 4, with a May 28 meeting held by phone.

FLORIDA’S #1 BRADY FAN

DeSantis still roots for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who, when he was growing up in Dunedin, were often better known for their gaudy orange uniforms than an ability to play winning football.

So, as DeSantis has been making the rounds pushing for college football to be played this fall, he’s gotten in occasional plugs for Tampa, which is set to host the Super Bowl in February, and the Bucs’ off-season acquisition of future Hall of Fame quarterback Tom Brady. “Tom Brady and the Super Bowl, that is going to happen,” DeSantis told Clay Travis of Fox Sports Radio on Monday. “It is not a question of maybe. Mark that one down.”

Later, DeSantis hedged a little on that declaration while on WFSX in Fort Myers with Trey Radel. DeSantis and Radel were briefly colleagues in the U.S. House.

“We have an opportunity to, first time ever, to have a team host the Super Bowl and play in it,” DeSantis said. “So, we’re crossing our fingers on that. But it’s a really, really good thing.”

It should be noted that Brady, who has won six of the nine Super Bowls he’s played in, turned 43 this month and is 407 days older than the governor.

TWEET OF THE WEEK: “So sending kids to school is the same commitment as killing a terrorist? A month ago the Governor compared it to Home Depot. These metaphors are all over the place.” --- Rep Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando, (@AnnaForFlorida), after Gov. Ron DeSantis opened a speech Wednesday by noting that Martin County Superintendent of Schools Laurie Gaylord equated returning students to class amid the coronavirus pandemic to the U.S. Navy Seals bringing “Osama bin Laden to justice.”

FOR POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AGENCIES TOLD TO LOOK AT WAYS TO CUT

BUDGETS August 11, 2020 Christine Sexton Updated with comment from Senate spokeswoman

TALLAHASSEE --- Getting ready for the possibility of a special legislative session to balance Florida's budget, Gov. Ron DeSantis' administration and top House and Senate appropriations staff have called on state agencies to draw up ways to slice 8.5 percent from their current budgets to address "the expected shortfall" as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The direction to look for reductions does not mean such cuts will be made in the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget, which took effect July 1. It was included in annual budget instructions sent to state agencies in mid-July.

But it came after the pandemic caused tax revenues to plummet in April, May and June and after DeSantis vetoed \$1 billion in spending from the 2020-2021 budget. DeSantis made the vetoes in hopes of conserving cash and aligning the budget, which lawmakers passed in March as the pandemic was starting to hit, with the economic realities stemming from business shutdowns and job losses.

Despite frequent requests from Democrats, DeSantis and Republican legislative leaders have shown no willingness to hold a special session before the November elections. But with the fiscal year running through June 30, they could be faced with making budget cuts at some point.

While DeSantis vetoed \$1 billion, he signed a \$92.2 billion budget into law that included high-profile issues such as \$500 million to increase teacher pay, \$625 million for the Everglades and other water-related projects and \$100 million for the Florida Forever conservation program. He also approved 3 percent pay raises for state workers.

When he signed the budget in June, DeSantis said he was convinced "we'll be able to weather the storm and do it right," noting that the state had bolstered its reserves and had received money through a federal-stimulus law known as the CARES Act.

But DeSantis said on a radio show Monday that the pandemic will "loom" over every budget and policy debate during the 2021 legislative session, which starts in March.

"We are using intelligently the CARES Act money in a way that I think will keep us whole," DeSantis said during an appearance on the Preston Scott show on WFLA radio in Tallahassee. "So, as we go into the legislative session, from a budget perspective, I think we'll probably be OK for this fiscal year. I think the question is, is how robust is the recovery from the coronavirus shutdown? And if it's robust, that gives us more options. If it's not, then we may have to make some more tough decisions."

A panel of economists will meet Friday to revise estimates of state general revenue, which plays a critical role in funding schools, health programs and prisons.

But economists recently said the state finished the 2019-2020 fiscal year on June 30 with \$1.88 billion less in revenues than what was previously anticipated.

The declining revenues also come at a time when more Floridians have enrolled in Medicaid. Enrollment in the health-care program for poor, elderly and disabled people is expected to balloon by more than 14 percent during the current fiscal year, with economists predicting an average monthly enrollment of 4.36 million people.

DeSantis' office did not immediately respond to requests for comments about the memo directing agencies to look at possible budget cuts. But Senate spokeswoman Katie Beta called the reduction exercise prudent.

"It is common for LBR (legislative budget request) instructions to include an exercise

evaluating current year cuts during times when there are significant unknown and unpredictable factors impacting the state budget," Betta said in a statement to The News Service of Florida.

Betta added that another "data point will be available later in the week" when the panel of economists update the general revenue estimates.

The July 15 budget memo also requires state agencies to compile recommendations on 10 percent worth of reductions for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, which will start July 1.

The 10 percent reduction is part of a routine budget exercise. The governor's office and legislative budget officials made "optional" a portion of that exercise that allows agencies to make a priority listing of the programs or services targeted for potential reductions.

STATE BUDGET

State tax revenues continued to take a hit in June as DeSantis expanded economic-recovery efforts amid the coronavirus pandemic, a new report shows.

The report released Monday by the Legislature's Office of Economic & Demographic Research said Florida's general-revenue collections in June were \$427.8 million below a forecast amount. That followed even larger losses in April and May as businesses shut down or dramatically scaled back and as consumers stayed home because of the pandemic.

"A large part of the loss over the quarter is attributed to declines in the tourism and hospitality-related industries, but the impact was widespread as all categories other than building-related industries were affected," the state economists' report said.

In all, the state collected about \$2.1 billion less than forecast during April, May and June, the final three months of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The state finished the year collecting about \$1.88 billion below projections, as it brought in more than expected early in the year to partially offset the later losses.

Still, the report isn't expected to result in lawmakers rushing back to Tallahassee to address the state budget, as Democrats have requested. Republican leaders have not shown any indication lawmakers will return to Tallahassee until they hold an organization session after the November elections.

Senate President Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton, reminded senators in a memo Monday that economists from the Senate, House, governor's office, and the Office of Economic & Demographic Research must develop a long-range financial outlook, which would be used in making future budget decisions. That outlook will go to the Joint Legislative Budget Commission --- a panel made up of House and Senate members --- for review and issuance by Sept. 15. or updated their plans since late June, when the pandemic was tamer than it is today.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Gov. Ron DeSantis and state emergency officials prepared for the first major storm of the season as Florida continues to grapple with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Do I know this is Republican meddling in our primaries? Yes. Can I prove this is Republican meddling in our primaries? No. And that's the point because our campaign finance system is irretrievably broken." --- Beth Matuga, a longtime Democratic political consultant and fundraiser, referring to negative mailers that could influence Democratic primaries ahead of the Aug. 18 election.



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2020-2021 PALM BEACH Chapter Officers



ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter Minutes

The August meeting was on the 16, noon at Lakeside Anchor Inn 2412 Floral Rd. Lantana
15 members were in attendance and 2 guests

President Report: Snooze Please make sure to let me or Kelly know if you need patches so that we can get those for you. I think that we need to have a space on the membership form to put if a new member wants patches or not. We also need to step up our social media content. Please send content to Slo Mo so that he can post it. Issues with the membership form need to have a place for patches. We still have gun tickets and life membership raffle tickets which are a great way to help the state. The chapter also needs some ideas to make money so please bring any of them to the board. If you want to get more involved let the board know. State meeting was a great ride and a great time. And if you have never been to a state meeting, you should go to one.

VP Harold: Got some ideas for the chapter that I'm working on. Will let you all know about them soon.

Kelly Green: Minutes approved from last meeting. If you haven't turned in your AD&D card yet or need to update information please get one from Snooze and return to me to that I can turn into the state.

Membership: Suzanne Please make sure that you sign in. We are working to get all the membership data updated. Tell people about Abate so we can get new members. Do any of the guests here today want to become a member. One did.

Sgt At Arms: Quiet Dan Let's go on a ride to J&S next weekend.

Safety: Slo Mo No tables in the past month. Still hard to figure out what's going on with the virus. Slo Mo is doing something at the meetings you can make a donation and take a movie.

Delegate Report: Kelly Lake County chapter did a great job hosting and raised a lot of money for the state chapter. Doc is still the lobbyist and approved the salary there, which

we have to remember is a lot less than what lobbyist pay. Next meeting is Pensacola in October. Another chapter shutdown so we're down to 19 chapters. State PR guy has been meeting with sport bikers and there will be a piece in Born to Ride. If you saw Scribe's video on copper coins they are \$15 not \$10. Also Gulf Coast is now running the state Facebook social media. We will be doing a international bike show online which will be no cost for us, but should be a good fundraiser. See all the details on Facebook and submit a picture of your bike and \$5 entry fee. Make sure that you like the state abate social media and subscribe to the YouTube page.

Legislative: We're still working on the Vulnerable Road Users bill. It's interesting that other states want to use our language for their bill but it's taking a bunch of tries to get it through here in FL. We've done lots of stuff in the past that you can tell people to support us. We did the helmet law which is not really a law but was snuck in through an amendment. Vertical plate. Remember without Abate, it would be easy for the helmet law to come back.

PR/Web: New newsletter. Thanks to Fred renewing his ad we will be able to afford the newsletter for the next few months. We need more advertisers to cost the newsletter cost

Products Kelly: I had some patches, pins and challenge coins for sale. Also have the helmet law 20 year patch. Chapter patches will be available at the next meeting. If you contact me I will get you one sooner. New t-shirt designs coming soon. Please let me know if you have ideas for merchandise and I will look into it.

Old business: We're going to go forward with details for the December event to be at the Anchor Inn.

New business:

Membership form being redesigned to include ADD beneficiary form and patch order (in this month's newsletter)

50/50: Fred won it and donates his share back to the chapter.

GTO: Some of us are going to go out after this so let me know if you want to tag along.

Meeting adjourned 1:30



WHY JOIN ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.?

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