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Remember the news article about the kid that set up a lemonade stand outside of Sturgis offering free lemonade to the bikers and taking up donations for St. Jude? He raised \$32,600 for St. Jude and a bunch of bikers donated a dirt bike for him to learn how to ride. That's my America right there folks.

In other news, that Lady kneeling beside him is the Governor of South Dakota. A Constitutional Conservative, stunningly beautiful, and happens to ride an Indian Super Chief



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**NEXT CHAPTER
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President's Message

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

Strongbow (Budd Aubry) the founder of the West Palm Beach chapter has passed away. I got a messages from Rio/Alison who gave me the news. They moved to Port St. Lucie and he was sick for the past few years. He was a member of Southeast and wanted to have a chapter in Palm Beach County. So that is why our logo is so much like Southeast's. I really got to know him on our drives to State meetings. He will be missed by those who knew him.



EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

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

As President I do get the membership lists. I have to admit many of the names on it I do not know, but then bikers are usually only know by their road names. It is that lack of seeing familiar names that worries me. I know over the past years renewal notices have not been sent. At least now I know the members attending meetings are members, I got three to renewal that were not on the list. I wonder how many are out there not knowing they have expired. We are trying to solve this problem. We returned to the posted reminders in the newsletter. I'm emailing them also and if no email Jeff will write them. Working on contacted the almost 80 Life members to let them know of updates and meeting place change. With Debbi's old membership files I'm reaching out to those also. Membership is a key part of our success and we hope to increase it. Give us help.

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson



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UPCOMING Event Schedule All events subject to change

Tuesday Bike Nights L.O.F. Motorsports Jupiter Stadium Grill

Wednesday Bike Night Gorilla Motors at Johnny Qs

Friday Sept. 10 AOA & Black Piston's WPB combined Open House

Saturday nights Fly n Wheels Open House

2nd Thursday Sept. 9 Tequesta Bike night at Handlebars (old Judy's A1A)

Friday Sept. 10 West Palm AOA & Black Pistons combined Open House

Sept. 10 to 12 Cherokee Blue Ridge Run Cherokee NC

Sept. 10 to 12 Thunder in the Smokies Maggie Valley NC

Thursday Sept. 16 Bike Night t Palm Beach Harley 45th St

September 17 to 19 Destination Daytona Trikefest

3rd Sunday Sept. 19 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 12:30 pm
Our meeting will be at **Johnny Q's 3801 10th Ave. N, Palm Springs**

Friday September 24 Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House

Thurs Sept. 30 Underground Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Friday Oct. 8 West Palm AOA & Black Pistons combined Open House

Oct. 8 to 10 Key West Poker Run

Saturday Oct. 9 ABATE of FL Inc state meeting Peninsula

2nd Thursday Oct..14 Tequesta Bike night at Handlebars (old Judy's A1A)

3rd Sunday Oct. 17 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 12:30pm
Our meeting will be at **Johnny Q's 3801 10th Ave. N, Palm Springs**

Thurs Oct.. 28 Underground Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Friday October 29 Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House



The Vespa 150 TAP (Troupes Aéro Portées) is an Italian Vespa scooter which is modified by creating a hole in the legshield to carry a M20 75 mm recoilless rifle. Made for French paratroops, the [Vespa 150 TAP is an anti-tank scooter](#), which is kind of the perfect idea when you think about it.

What's better to take down a lumbering tank than a scooter that has fantastic maneuvering capabilities? Although as cool as they look these babies had to be tough to drive, and they must have been heavy, just take a look at all of that artillery.

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.

RENEWAL REMINDERS

One membership concern is that we have lost a lot of members due to their not be aware of renewal dates. It has been many years since we did mailings, sometimes due to money issues. So Jeff will be working to rebuilt this campaign. It was discussed and decided to bring back the newsletter notification at August chapter meeting. Life members will not be on this list but will be told of changes and to be sure ADD beneficiary forms are on file at State office IMPORTANT to have active membership for the accident insurance and updated forms. There may be members not on list who aren't aware they have expired I have already found that several members were not on active list. I think I know of others so working to let them know. **Membership expires on the last day of the Month/Year column. But it is better to renew early so membership/ADD not does lapse.** If you renewal at chapter meeting, Jeff will attempt to get to get in early to keep both active

EXPIRES LAST FIRST

6-21	Lutz Kevin
6-21	Maczynskie Violetta
6-21	Sequin Susanne
8-21	Kolber Joe
9-21	Watkins Robert
9-21	Walters Harold
9-21	Herbert Chris
9-21	Ferel Duke
10-21	Seidenari Charles
10-21	Schwartz Cary
10-21	Lattari Ed
10-21	Harnishfeger Ralph



Help to remind members to renew to keep their ADD insurance active. Tell them of the change in chapter meetings. Everyone's help is needed for membership.

If you have any questions about your membership, contact palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com Jeff or Slo Motion to check the State records of membership status.

I am sharing a great article that our own Susan Hurst of Peace River Chapter wrote for Born to Ride magazine. We have received permission from both to share the article.

Thank you Susan for the incredible job you did writing this article, I can easily see that it was written from the heart. We can not thank you enough for this article.

So please share this with all your members and everyone else who rides, lets try to spread this all over Florida.

ABATE of Florida Inc. – Fighting for ALL Motorcyclists!

As motorcyclists, we really don't think about our right to ride when we bring our motorcycles to life and head out for an afternoon putt with our friends or plan a nice evening at a bike night. ABATE of Florida Inc. has been an integral part of our ability to ride in the state of Florida without a helmet. In addition, ABATE of Florida Inc. is constantly making sure that your right to ride is protected and backed by hundreds of members who seek only to fight for YOUR right to ride.

On the ABATE of Florida Inc. Facebook page, it says, "Welcome to ABATE of Florida, Inc! We are Florida's only recognized Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO). We fight for Motorcycle Rights and are a voice for those who no longer have a voice."

Since 1981, ABATE of Florida Inc. has been incorporated. Prior to the incorporation, ABATE was made up of a few chapters that worked tirelessly for their rights to ride in the beautiful Sunshine State. Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with Doc Reichenbach, the state president and certified lobbyist for ABATE of Florida Inc. Doc, a veteran and long-time motorcyclist advocate, shared with me what ABATE of Florida Inc. has been busy working on for ALL bikers in our state.

How did ABATE come about? "The early 1970s brought ABATE to life. ABATE was originally formed to fight the state's helmet laws and other unjust laws focused toward the motorcyclist."

ABATE originally started in California, and it was a National ABATE. Over time, the National ABATE Office folded and states within the Union started their own ABATE chapters. Each state is entirely different, meaning that you had different legislators and folks in the states' governments that all had to learn the rules in governance, laws, policies, etc. It's a lengthy process, but then again, the government paddles that same boat.

Doc shared with me what ABATE is currently working on in Tallahassee. "ABATE of Florida Inc. is working on the 'Stiffer Penalties Bill' but legislators are calling it 'The Vulnerable Road Users Bill.' We can't get the legislators to understand that we are out there riding our motorcycles and there are laws in effect that hinder our rights. In their eyes, they feel that we choose to ride, hence, them not backing or supporting this important cause. Unfortunately, they don't understand that a motorcycle is a vehicle and should be protected by laws. We are taxpayers and have the right to ride. We deserve their support."

Who is a Vulnerable Road User? A vulnerable road user (VRU) is anyone who is on or alongside a roadway without the protective hard covering of a metal automobile. The term includes bicycle riders, pedestrians, motorcyclists, people in wheelchairs, police, first responders, roadway workers and other users like a person on a skateboard or scooter.

Did you know that every year, we, as motorcyclists, put \$2.50 from our motorcycle registra-

tions into a motorcyclist safety fund which is supposed to be for the motorcycle rider's program? Sadly, that money isn't being designated for the intended purpose. "A few years ago, the Florida government took our money and put it into the transportation budget where that money would be used by everybody in the government. 30 years ago, that money was to have gone into a trust fund and used for nothing except motorcyclist safety programs. Now, that money is used to plant wildflowers, and other items that have nothing to do with motorcyclist safety. A few years ago, we put a bill in and asked for some of that money to be used for motorcycle safety. We got \$500,000 one time and \$200,000 another time. The last year we received any funding for motorcycle safety was the last year that motorcycle deaths dropped in our state." Interesting fact: The years ABATE of Florida Inc. was awarded the money for motorcycle safety, our local communities were saturated with billboards, radio ads, TV ads, and magazine ads on motorcycle safety. Now that the money is not being awarded to ABATE of Florida Inc. for promoting safety, motorcycle deaths have gone up.

ABATE of Florida Inc. has worked for years keeping this state a helmet-free state. It hasn't always been helmet-free. "It took us 8 years to get anyone to support these bills. The Democrats were in control then and they didn't believe in it. We had to wait for the Republicans to get into power. We did turn a lot of Dems heads with the hard work ABATE of Florida Inc. put into this bill and the eventual passing of it. Every year, we have to fight someone that wants to put a bill back in changing the helmet laws back. We get information about looming bills that someone wants to put in against motorcyclists from legislators that don't want their name mentioned. We will get this type of intel and work quickly to take care of impending problems."

I asked Doc what was the biggest accomplishment ABATE of Florida has witnessed? "The main thing ABATE of Florida Inc. has accomplished all these years is that we are a viable organization. We definitely are not some fly-by-night organization. We are an organization that will fight for your rights. If a bill gets passed that's against us, we fight. We fight every day for ALL motorcyclists whether you're a member of ABATE or not." A few years ago, a bill came out on not allowing vertical license plates. ABATE of Florida Inc. fought that bill and had it abolished. Now, you can have a vertical plate on your motorcycle thanks to ABATE of Florida Inc!

ABATE of Florida Inc. works hard on getting the right people voted into office and cultivating those relationships. Doc clarified, "For example, with our helmet law, the AMA, MRF, and other organizations were calling legislators asking them NOT to sign off on the helmet law ABATE of Florida Inc. was working on. They were asking the Governor to veto the bill. Obviously, that didn't happen. It was a big win for us when we won the right to wear a helmet or not in the state of Florida."

Every person who rides a motorcycle in the state of Florida should consider becoming a member of ABATE of Florida Inc. "No one has to come to every meeting or join a chapter, but for \$20 a year you have someone fighting for your rights to ride. And you get a \$4,000 accidental death insurance policy. That seems like a pretty good deal to me. You get all the support of all the members of ABATE of Florida Inc. as well." Currently, there are 18 chapters in the state of Florida. Maybe there's one close to you!

If you want to fight for your right to ride, why not consider joining ABATE of Florida Inc?

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OUR NEWSLETTERS are best viewed at palmbeach.abateflorida.com as most timely (by the first of month), in full color, and with active Internet links to stories, etc., of interest. And for us with older eyes, can be zoomed in without magnifying glasses. We do need our advertisers, donations and more members to be able print and distribute more copies to the county for motorcyclists to be aware of the issues facing us. So please join in and let us know of good places to put them in. Issues can be mailed to members if no Internet access. Non-members can buy a subscription for \$20 a year but the other two methods are faster as it takes more time and cost to get mailings done.

Your support to ABATE of Florida Inc. will not only help with legislation in Tallahassee, but voting for the local politicians in your communities who are ‘motorcyclist-friendly’ will further the strides that are being accomplished for you every day in our state’s government.

Susan Hurst

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Slo Mo: As I've been trying to contact past members, I got the following from -

Curtis Alva, Laying low cuz of covid. My son lives with me and he is high risk so we're being extra careful. I'll see you guys when this shit is sorted out Thanks and safe rides for you and all ABATE's membership

Facebook 8-12-21

Motorcycle queen immortalized with street designation

Johania Charles Aug 24, 2021 Updated Aug 25, 2021



More than 200 women on motorcycles approach Bessie Stringfield's last known residence in Miami Gardens for the 8th annual Bessie Stringfield All Female Ride event last Friday.

A sea of women in blue flooded the streets of I-95 on their motorcycles over the weekend for "The Last Ride," the 8th annual and final Bessie Stringfield All Female Ride event in honor of Miami's motorcycle queen.

Alysia Perkins, one of more than 200 Black women who participated in the South Florida event, made the trip down from Texas sporting her biker

gear and pigtails.

"We're here [celebrating] Bessie Stringfield. She was the first African American woman to ride across the country on her Harley Davidson Iron Horse motorcycle," said Perkins, a first-time participant and business counselor for the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce. "So this is empowering for women. Normally only 20% of riders are women and we're just trying to grow the women riders community. Unfortunately, this will be my first and last time in the Bessie Stringfield Ride, but I believe that there will be some other things coming through the pipeline because there are a lot of other lady rider events."

Stringfield, who lived by the "toss a penny and ride" motto, broke barriers for Black women riders.

Born to an interracial couple who later died of smallpox in North Carolina, she was orphaned at the age of 5 and sent to live with an adoptive mother. By age 16, she had already mastered motorcycle riding. Soon, she embarked on one of eight solo cross country trips on her 1928 Indian Scout.

Stringfield's only guides were God and a penny she tossed on a map to determine the location of her next adventure.

Often, she used "The Negro Motorist Green-Book" by Victor Hugo Green to navigate safe resting locations and eateries while passing through states during the Jim Crow era. Even so, while riding through the contiguous 48 states she was often denied accommodations because of her skin color and was forced to sleep on her motorcycle at times.

During WWII, Stringfield served as the only civilian female dispatch rider in her unit, delivering classified documents to military bases.

She settled in Miami in the 1950s, where local police told her Black women were not allowed to ride. Her persistence led to her founding the Iron Horse Motorcycle Club in Opa-locka and being inducted into the American Motorcyclist Association Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

Stringfield continued to ride until her death at age 82. She owned 27 Harley motorcy-

cles throughout her lifetime.

Her legacy has been upheld by the hundreds of women who set out to ride through the country over the course of several days. A previous trip led them through 48 states in just eight days.

For this final ride, the women wore Stringfield's favorite color to travel from Daytona Beach to Fort Lauderdale, then Miami to Key West. In Miami, they stopped to announce a street and day designation at Stringfield's last known residence.

Lynn Wigfall, historian for the Bessie Stringfield Last Ride Committee, Florida Rep. James Bush, Brandyss Howard and former Miami Herald journalist Bea Hines stand in front of Stringfield's residence after an honorary marker was placed there.

"Although Bessie Stringfield was a fierce motorcycle rider, she endured racist attacks and harassment that only made her stronger and more determined to pursue her passion for riding," said District 102 Rep. Felicia Robinson, who presented a proclamation on Friday in Stringfield's name, marking Aug. 20 as Bessie Stringfield Day.

Members of Miami Gardens' City Council confirmed that the street sign on the corner of 152nd Terrace and 24th Avenue will be renamed after Stringfield. The sign unveiling will take place next year.

"Her legacy will never be lost, we will carry her in our hearts," said Lynn 'Tabu' Wigfall, co-organizer for the event and historian for the Bessie Stringfield Last Ride Committee.

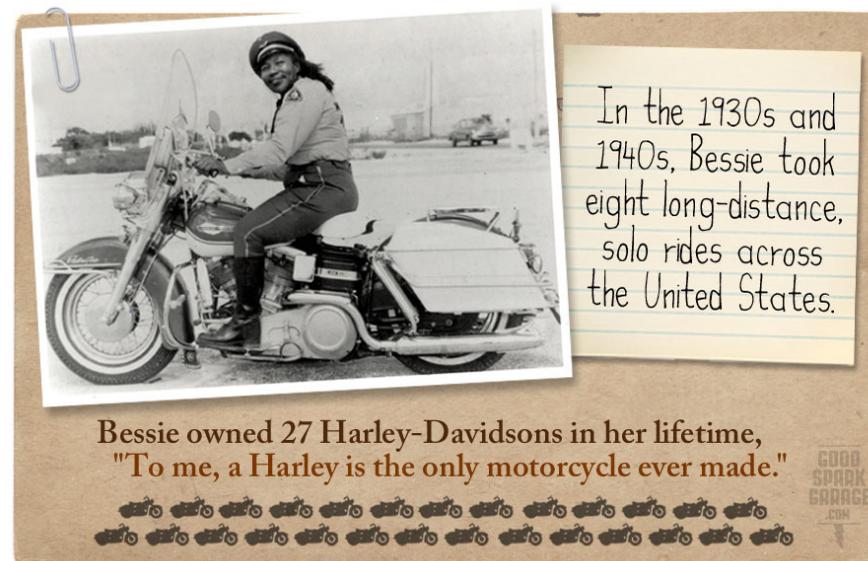
A documentary by Diane Fredel-Weis, a Los Angeles-based producer and Miami native, also will be created in Stringfield's honor.

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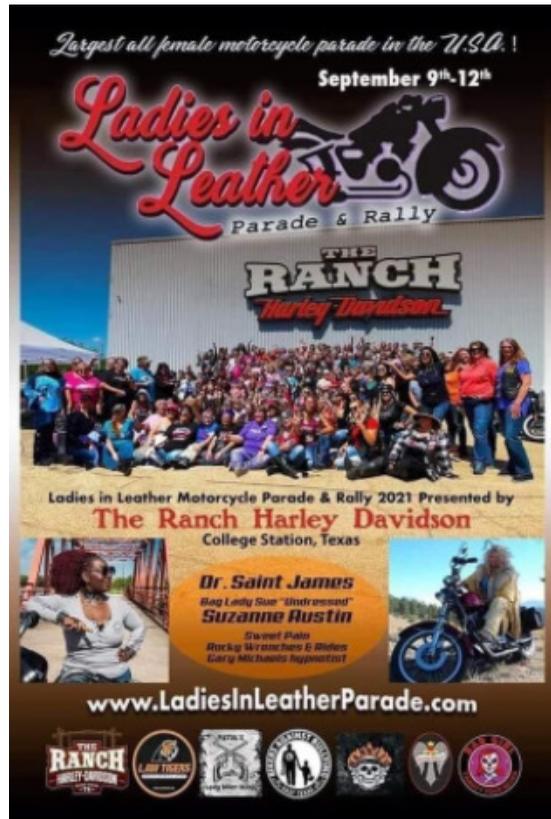
Learn more at YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdHiXUHIB5A> and others if you search for her name.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bessie_Stringfield

<https://www.rejectedprincesses.com/princesses/bessie-stringfield>



'Ladies in Leather' - Largest All-Female Motorcycle Parade in U.S. Set for Third Annual Parade and Rally; Presented by The Ranch Harley-Davidson



By Ladies in Leather Aug 25, 2021 Updated Aug 25, 2021 Comments

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Aug. 25, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Ladies in Leather (LiL) announced their upcoming annual parade and rally, scheduled for September 9–12. Celebrating female unity and the freedom of the ride, the annual event regularly represents a wide spectrum of women across many ages, races, and economic backgrounds. United in their love of motorcycling, the LiL Rally will be held in College Station and features a variety of events, vendors, and biker-friendly activities. Representing over 30 states, all women riders are welcome, with all makes and models of rides. Riders are asked to register online ahead of the parade, with \$50 for a weekend pass and \$30 for a one-day Saturday parade pass (available only at gate).

"We often get asked: why do you do this – what unites you all?" explained Ladies in Leather. "Sure, we're all women. But beneath the surface, it is so much more than that. We are wives, daughters, mothers, and sisters. We are caregivers, nurturers, and providers of endless love and affection. We are homemakers and business professionals. We are

divorcees and retirees, and some of us are wandering women, just trying to find our place in this world. We are all diverse – like a giant quilt woven with a million different fabrics. We share an unspoken bond with one another and it is a feeling that can't be taught or learned, but must be experienced. This is why. The LiL Parade and Rally is our weekend. It is our time to forget about our jobs and duties as women, and just enjoy something simpler. When we throw our leg over that bike, we become one entity. We are sisters in the wind – we are Lady Riders!"

For the latest LiL updates and schedule announcements, join them on social media:

Facebook. A Cohen, Founder 409 454-4983 317895@email4pr.com

multimedia: <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/ladies-in-leather--largest-all-female-motorcycle-parade-in-us-set-for-third-annual-parade-and-rally-presented-by-the-ranch-harley-davidson-301362889.html>

SOURCE Ladies in Leather

Florida ranks as 7th most dangerous state for motorcyclists

With people working from home and staying in last year as a result of the pandemic, there were fewer drivers on the roads for a good portion of the year. That didn't keep the number of traffic deaths down, though. In fact, they increased by at least 8%.

Most of that increase involved people on motorcycles, especially in Florida, which in 2020 saw the highest number ever of motorcycle crashes that ended with a fatality.

QuoteWizard says 72% of motorcycle accidents end with the rider losing their life.

"You have such a smaller margin for error on a motorcycle and that's why it's so important to make sure that you're not riding impaired and that you are wearing a helmet. The margin of error is just so much smaller and you have to be much more careful because you're not just watching out for what you're doing, it really matters what the other person is doing as well. Some motorcycle riders have to be very aware of that," said Nick Vanzant, senior research analyst at QuoteWizard.

Vanzant said that in the last year, we've actually seen a 7% decrease in the number of riders using a helmet.

<https://www.winknews.com/2021/08/01/florida-ranks-as-7th-most-dangerous-state-for-motorcyclists/>

OUR COVER GIRL

South Dakota Gov. [Kristi Noem](#) (R) defended the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally that brought hundreds of thousands of people to the state against critics who say it was irresponsible to have the event during a surge of COVID-19 cases.

"I think it's interesting that this side, this political party, the Democrats, who embrace getting abortion on demand, are accusing us of embracing death when we're just allowing people to make personal choices and have personal responsibility over when they want to assemble, when they want to gather and spend time outdoors enjoying their way of life," Noem said Friday on Fox News's "The Ingraham Angle."

"So we've had a fantastic event here in South Dakota. The rally will end ... Sunday, I guess ... and they're having a fantastic time. We're glad everybody made the trip to South Dakota," she added.

<https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/567887-south-dakota-governor-defends-sturgis-rally-its-about-personal-choices>



WEEKLY EVENTS

Subject to change and updates due to COVID and Govt mandates

Tues Jupiter Stadium Grill LOF Motorsports Bike Night

Wed Bike Night with Gorilla Motors Johnny Q's 6:30- 10 3801 19th Ave N Palm Springs FL

Wed Pirates Well Bike Night 9477 Alt. A1A Lake Park TBA

2nd Thurs Handlebars US1 Tequesta 6 PM (old Judy's)

3rd Thurs Palm Beach Harley dealership Bike Night

Last Thurs Underground Cycles Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

1st Fri Enforcers MC Party

2nd Fri AOA WPB and Black Pistons WPB Open House

3rd Fri Outcast MC Hang Out 656 MLK Jr Blvd Riviera Bch 8PM

4th Fri Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House

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

SAT night Fly n Wheels Open House

Sat PBH Abacoa Concert Series 7:30 to 10 pm

SUNDAY usually something at Palm Beach Harley

3rd Sunday ABATE Palm Beach meeting 12:30 Johnny Q's 3801 19th Ave N Palm Springs FL



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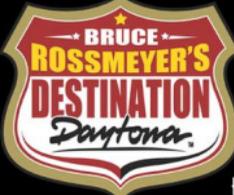
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bike Night Gorilla Motors at Johnny Q's	2	3	4 Fly n Wheels Open House
5	6	7 Stadium Grill Jupiter Bike Night	8 Bike Night Gorilla Motors at Johnny Q's	9 Bike Night Handlebars Tequesta	10 AOA & Black Pistons Open House Thunder in the Smokies Maggie Valley NC	11 Fly n Wheels Open House Thunder in the Smokies Maggie Valley NC
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26	27	28 Stadium Grill Jupiter Bike Night	29 Bike Night Gorilla Motors at Johnny Q's	30 Bike Night at Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter		

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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DELEGATE REPORT

Scribe: I have posted the latest YouTube video about the August State Delegates meeting hosted by Lake County Chapter. Here is the link to the video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xWJDHZ8OvA>

Well looks like summers already over and it is September wow this year is flying bye. Anyway our last state meeting was held by the Lake county chapter in Clermont and as usual they did a great job hosting the meeting.

Doc said that state products are only for sale at state meetings and are not to be sold anywhere else.

Vice president Darrin (scribe) is doing an excellent job on his ABATE pod casts on you tube if you get a chance you should check them out they are very informative and are a great way to get our message out to the public. (links for YouTube and Podcasts on our chapter site under State)

Our state sergeant at arms will be vacating his post in the near future and is asking if anyone is interested in being state sergeant at arms so now is your chance if you have ever thought about it and are interested let our board know and we will put you in touch with the state board of directors.

Most new members went to Southeast chapter for May and June. Highest % of growth for may went to Vintage chapter and for June it was Forest chapter.

NCOM convention for 2022 will be in Nashville on the 23rd of June.

The state board is in the process of planning a ABATE of Florida state party somewhere in or around central Florida. There have been a couple of suggestions about where to have it so we will be attending these meetings and as soon as we figure it all out we will let everyone know.

Leesburg bike fest is on and is set for November 7-9th we will let you know for sure when it draws closer

Ride Safe Ride Smart !!

SNOOZE

STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter & Location

2021 State Meetings

October 9 Gulf Coast
Pensacola

Dec. 11 Peace River

2022 State Meetings

Sunday Feb. 13 meeting
Tallahassee Monday 14
Ride to the Capital
IF Capital closed then
Feb 12 Ft. McCoy

April 17 State Ft. McCoy

June 19 Forest
Ft. McCoy

Aug. 21 State Ft. McCoy

Oct. 16 Lake

Dec. 18 Gator Alley



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Snooze did a good job with his delegate report. Jeff also attended the state meeting so he was able to meet the membership officer and get some answers. The State Treasurer, our member Debbi “Foxy babe” Hamby, was excused due to Covid. Doc stressed how important all the paperwork is as possible IRS audit. Darin did Legislative report, session will be from January to March due to it being an election year. Our Lobbyist Doc has attempted several times to meet with Governor DeSantis. We will try to pass the same two bills. Vulnerable Road User and the Safety Money collected from motorcycle registrations TP promote Safety— that is 1.5 million a year! The Lighthouse chapter has been suspended and if don’t get things done correct will be disbanded. Slo Motion

ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach

GBNF

- Ed “Gunner” Bassett
- Frank “Pipes” Cook
- Robert “Torch” Lyle
- Niurka Crespo
- Phil Moore
- Michael Steffy
- Bill Klawsnik
- Gregg Lehman
- Karen Watkins
- “Bones” Maurice Clark
- Danny Palm
- Bob “Burger” Ehrenberg

PAST MEMBERS

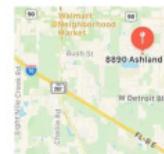
- Tom “Ramblin’ Man” Botticelli
- David “Shadow” Moore
- Budd “Strongbow” Aubry

ABATE OF FL, INC.
STATE MEETING
Hosted by: GULF COAST CHAPTER
Saturday October 9, 2021
Board Meeting at 12:00pm CST
Delegates Meeting at 2:00pm CST



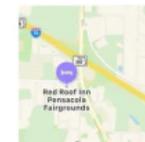


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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

PALM BEACH Co. FL House of Representatives

D81 Kelly Skidmore (D)
850-717-5081 Tallahassee
561-470-2086 Boca/Belle Glade

D82 John Snyder (R)
850-717-5082 Tallahassee
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 Omari Hardy (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

I've started to see some roadside campaign signs so that means elections are coming. I am very disappointed in the County Election site. Under the previous admin it was so easy to find who was running but the new site is impossible to find anything. So that means we have to do more work to research the candidates.

Advances: Week of August 30, 2021 Aug 27, 2021

TALLAHASSEE --- Legal wrangling doesn't typically evoke memories of "Schoolhouse Rock," but a hearing Monday in a lawsuit over one of Gov. Ron DeSantis' top legislative priorities might prove to be an exception. The lawsuit, filed by a number of groups including the Dream Defenders and the Florida State Conference of the NAACP, targets a controversial new law that enhances existing penalties and creates new crimes related to violent protests. DeSantis laid out a framework for the legislation (HB 1) after nationwide protests in 2020 following the death of George Floyd, a Black man who was killed by a Minneapolis police officer.

In advance of Monday's hearing, Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker took the unusual step of ordering attorneys involved in the case to grammatically analyze a section of the law that creates a new definition of "riots." The section is a key focus of the lawsuit. "All persons guilty of a riot, or of incit-

Palm Beach County FL Senators

D25 Gayle Harrell (R)
850-487-5025 Tallahassee
772-221-4019 Stuart

D29 Tina Scott Polsky (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

ing or encouraging a riot, shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree," the law says.

In a two-page order, Walker wrote that, because "the primary issue in this case is the language and syntax" of that part of the statute, lawyers in the case "shall diagram" it.

Responses to Walker's order included the types of charts that have long furrowed students' brows, featuring swooping arrows and branches identifying basic parts of speech --- such as "verb" and "noun" --- along with their lesser-known cohorts, "compound reciprocal pronoun" and "subordinating conjunction."

In a higher-level analysis, plaintiffs in the case allege that the law will have a "chilling" effect on protected speech and violates equal-protection and due-process rights. They argue, in part, that a definition of "riot" in the measure is vague and overbroad and may criminalize "merely being present at a demonstration where violence or property destruction occurs."

But in a June 2 motion, DeSantis said the lawsuit is based on "unfounded, misleading, and conclusory allegations of constitutional violations." The law, dubbed the "Combating Public Disorder" act by the Republican-controlled Legislature, "does none of the things plaintiffs allege," DeSantis' motion said.

Walker this month refused the state's request to toss out the challenge, leaving DeSantis and three sheriffs as defendants while dismissing Attorney General Ashley Moody.

The chief judge also rejected a state request to hold Monday's hearing in person amid a spike in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations attributed largely to the delta variant of the coronavirus. Plaintiffs asked that the hearing be held remotely, "given the dramatic change in the pandemic," and Walker agreed.

"Plaintiffs do not overstate the situation. The current spread of COVID-19 is a tragedy. Requiring in-person appearances at the preliminary-injunction hearing only unnecessarily increases the risk to those involved, as well as court staff, and potentially contributes to the spread of COVID-19," he wrote in an order

Weekly Roundup: Mask Wars Heat Up By Ryan Dailey Aug 20, 2021

TALLAHASSEE --- Whether Florida students will be required to "mask up" in schools this year has become an issue of national interest, and one that appears far from being resolved.

The fight over school districts' attempts to set their own student mask mandates has headed to the courts, marking a new development in the power struggle between Gov. Ron DeSantis, local school officials and the federal government.

Leon County Circuit Judge John Cooper is slated to start a hearing Monday in a lawsuit challenging DeSantis' July 30 executive order on school mask mandates, after Cooper rejected the state's motion to dismiss the case. The lawsuit was filed by a group of parents, including some who say their children are too young to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

"These parents and children, they have a right to have their case heard in court," Cooper said during Thursday's hearing.

DeSantis maintains that parents should be able to choose whether their kids should wear masks at school. Asked by reporters Thursday about a decision by Hillsborough County's school board to require masks for 30 days, DeSantis said the board took that decision "out of the parents' hands."

The governor's executive order, which seeks to prohibit county school boards from requiring students to wear masks, triggered a state Department of Health rule that requires parents be allowed to opt out of such mandates for any reason.

As the question about mask mandates is set to play out in court, state education

officials have ratcheted up pressure on local school board members and superintendents. The State Board of Education on Tuesday directed Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran to further “investigate” school districts that implement mask mandates with exceptions only for medical reasons.

The board on Friday followed through on its threat to financially penalize local school officials who impose student mask mandates during the COVID-19 pandemic, detailing how it is targeting salaries of school board members in Alachua and Broward counties.

If the districts don't comply, the state will withhold district funds in amounts equal to the collective monthly salaries of the school board members. Friday's orders made clear that the financial penalties are aimed at the salaries of officials who voted for the mask requirements and that funding for such things as programs and services for students should not be dinged. The list of districts enacting mask mandates this week grew to five, with school boards in Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Hillsborough counties joining Alachua and Broward in voting to require a doctor's note for parents wishing to opt out.

The effort by DeSantis, Corcoran and other state officials to prohibit mask mandates has drawn criticism from President Joe Biden's administration.

U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona discussed the issue Friday when he appeared on “The Florida Roundup” show on Miami public-radio station WLRN. Cardona said he spoke to Corcoran “maybe a week and a half ago” and had “a good conversation” where the two agreed that vaccinations are a good way to fight COVID-19 spread in schools.

“I think where we disagree is that the use of mitigation strategies to help prevent community spread will also help keep our schools open. And we're seeing that in communities across the country that are less likely to use mitigation strategies --- we're seeing more community spread, and we know that leads to school closures,” Cardona said on the program. Cardona wrote in a letter to Florida school superintendents last week that the department “stands with you” in enacting universal student mask policies despite the state's efforts to prohibit them.

ROLL UP THOSE SLEEVES The White House announced Wednesday that nursing homes that rely on Medicaid and Medicare funding must require their staff members to get vaccinated against COVID-19 --- setting up a ripple effect through Florida, which has nearly 700 nursing homes.

The federal government's move comes amid a surge in coronavirus cases in Florida driven by the delta variant, and groups that advocate on behalf of seniors are sounding the alarm about low vaccination rates among nursing home workers.

Not only are Florida providers reliant on the federal funding, nursing homes in the state had the second-lowest percentage of vaccinated workers in the country during a four-week period in June and July, according to an AARP analysis released last week.

DeSantis has been adamant in his opposition to mandates during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the governor this month said he didn't support hospitals requiring staff members to be vaccinated.

The Florida Health Care Association, which represents about 560 nursing homes, will review the federal regulations about staff vaccinations when they become available, association spokeswoman Kristen Knapp said in a statement to the News Service.

“In the meantime, we continue to support our members as they work on increasing

vaccination rates among staff, as we know the vaccine is one of the safest ways to protect against the virus," Knapp said.

Regulations will be published in September, according to a "fact sheet" the White House distributed Wednesday.

PUSHING EARLY TREATMENT As DeSantis has opposed ideas like mask mandates in schools, the governor has traveled the state for the past week to promote monoclonal antibody treatments for people who have tested positive for COVID-19.

In hopes that the immune system-boosting treatments will provide relief to hospitals dealing with a surge of coronavirus cases, DeSantis said it "is the best shot we got to keep people out of the hospital and keep them safe."

The state has set up at least eight mobile units that can administer the treatments, with plans for more to open in the coming days and a goal to ultimately launch about 20. DeSantis said the mobile units can administer about 300 treatments per day.

The number of COVID-19 patients in Florida hospitals has skyrocketed over the past several weeks because of the highly contagious delta variant of the coronavirus.

STORY OF THE WEEK: A legal battle over Gov. Ron DeSantis' attempts to prevent school districts from requiring students to wear masks will proceed next week, after Leon County Circuit Judge John Cooper on Thursday refused to dismiss the case.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We argue that we are exercising our constitutional responsibilities to protect our students and staff. We believe this is 'reasonable and necessary to achieve a compelling state interest.'" --- Alachua County Superintendent Carlee Simon, speaking to the state Board of Education Tuesday about the district's requirement that students wear masks unless they have a note from a doctor.

Backroom Briefing: A Boost for Boosters By Jim Turner Aug 19, 2021

TALLAHASSEE --- Gov. Ron DeSantis said whatever the federal government approves for the next round of COVID-19 vaccinations, booster shots will be available in Florida.

"If you want to go to CVS, CVS will simply fill whatever fits the emergency use authorization. We're not going to try to block that, that's going to be people's choices," DeSantis said Wednesday during an appearance in West Palm Beach to open a monoclonal antibody treatment site.

DeSantis added he hasn't seen trial data on boosters shots. And he said people who have already received the first two shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines will have to make their own decisions about whether to get the extra shots. He suggested people talk with their doctors and read up on the literature if they are concerned about potential side effects.

Earlier Wednesday, the Biden administration recommended booster shots for vaccinated people to offset potential waning immunity as the highly contagious delta variant spreads. Boosters are expected to be available Sept. 20.

The administration suggested people get booster shots eight months after they received the second doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, according to a joint statement from officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, surgeon general's office and the Food and Drug Administration.

"The available data make very clear that protection against ... infection begins to decrease over time following the initial doses of vaccination, and in association with the

dominance of the delta variant, we are starting to see evidence of reduced protection against mild and moderate disease," the officials said in the statement.

Florida has been a hot spot for the spread of the delta variant, reporting 23,335 new cases on Tuesday, according to the CDC. The state had a seven-day "moving" average of 21,569 new cases as of Tuesday.

SETTING SAIL WITH PARTING SHOTS Fresh off at least an initial win in a court battle with the state, Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings President and CEO Frank Del Rio didn't hold back as his company launched a 100-percent vaccinated cruise from PortMiami over the weekend. Appearing on Yahoo Finance on Monday, Del Rio said American leadership has failed to stand up to "the realities of this pandemic."

"Can you imagine that (if) 700,000 people in this country died of anything other than COVID, to the outrage that there would be, what government would do to stop that," Del Rio said. "And this government, whether we're talking about local, state or federal, and I'm not talking Republicans, I'm not talking Democrats, I'm talking government. Our leadership has failed us. So, I'm not going to fail our customers. I'm not going to fail our crew."

Del Rio added that it's "beyond bizarre" and "shameful" that his company has had to fight DeSantis to keep people healthy.

"Here's a state that relies on tourism. It's his number one industry. And the number one priority of any hospitality business is to keep their customers safe. I mean, that's de rigueur," Del Rio said. "You would expect that that government, again, would do everything possible to support that. Instead, we had to go to court."

On Aug. 8, U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams issued a preliminary injunction to allow Norwegian to require that passengers provide documentation about being vaccinated. The Miami-based company had challenged a new state law preventing businesses from requiring documentation of vaccination --- so called "vaccine passports."

The DeSantis administration has taken the case to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, as the governor has been the main driver of the effort to ban vaccine passports. "Come on, give it up," Del Rio said. "This is a pandemic we're talking about. People are dying every day. Florida now is the epicenter of the epicenter. What's it take for common sense to rule?"

ELECTION HANDICAPPING Outside of Southeast Florida, DeSantis' performance is seen favorably by the state's registered voters, according to a poll released Wednesday on behalf of the gambling company BUSR.

The poll found DeSantis holding a 52 percent favorable rating and 43 percent disapproval mark in a phone survey of 700 registered voters conducted by Pennsylvania-based Susquehanna Polling and Research, which specializes in services for Republican candidates, trade groups, businesses, and lobbying outfits.

Among Republicans, DeSantis --- who commands a sizable fundraising advantage over his Democratic challengers --- drew a combined 67 percent of people who said they "strongly approve" or "somewhat approve," while his disapproval number stood at 28 percent. Democrats were at 57 percent disapproval and 37 percent approval for DeSantis. Meanwhile, independents and people registered with minor parties were split at 48 percent approval and 47 percent disapproval.

Across the state, DeSantis got low marks in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale region, where he landed 53 percent disapproval to 39 percent approval, and the West Palm Beach-Fort

Pierce area, with 52 percent disapproval and 45 percent approval. His approval ratings reached 65 percent in the Fort Myers-Naples area and 64 percent in Panama City.

With a 4 percentage-point margin of error, the poll was conducted Aug. 4 to Aug. 10.

TWEET OF THE WEEK: "Proud to announce that I will be running for #Duval County Property Appraiser in 2023!" --- State Rep. Jason Fischer (@JasonFischerFL), a Jacksonville Republican on Monday, after dropping out of a Senate race. GOP leaders had endorsed Rep. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville, for the Senate seat.

Aug 13, 2021 TALLAHASSEE --- Typically, Florida lawmakers have started their annual legislative sessions in early March and headed home two months later. But voters in 2018 passed a constitutional amendment that changed the calendar --- well, partly.

Now, lawmakers are required in even-numbered years to start their annual sessions in January and finish in March. And with 2022 an even-numbered year, that means lawmakers have a quick turnaround after ending the 2021 session on April 30 and holding a special session in May.

Part of that quick turnaround will take place outside of Tallahassee, as county legislative delegations meet to prepare for the session. At least two of those meetings will be held in the coming week by the Lee County and St. Lucie County delegations, with others planned later in August and in September.

Delegation meetings are something of an annual rite, as local officials, business leaders, activists and, yes, regular citizens have a chance to pitch their priorities to lawmakers. Then it will be back to Tallahassee, where a series of committee meetings will start the week of Sept. 20 in advance of the Jan. 11 start of the annual session.

New Census, New Districts, New Court By Dara Kam Aug 13, 2021

TALLAHASSEE --- Let the squabbling begin.

Thursday's delayed release of 2020 census data kicked off the once-a-decade redistricting process, setting the stage for Florida lawmakers to begin configuring congressional and legislative districts in advance of next year's elections.

But politics will play as big of a role as population when the Republican-controlled Legislature starts drawing maps that could help the GOP maintain a stranglehold on the state House and Senate as well as Florida's congressional delegation for at least 10 more years.

It's the second time lawmakers will craft new districts following passage of the Fair Districts constitutional amendments by Florida voters in 2010. The amendments were designed to prohibit partisan gerrymandering or maps that favor incumbent elected officials.

The constitutional amendments resulted in legal battles over proposed maps following the last census, with lawmakers ultimately forced to redraw congressional and state Senate districts. But the Sunshine State has undergone significant shifts on numerous fronts since those maps were finalized.

In addition to changes in demographics, the Florida Supreme Court has become more conservative. Two justices who dissented in decisions that overturned the Legislature's proposed districts during the last go-around are now in the court's majority, with one of them --- Charles Canady --- holding the chief justice's gavel.

READY TO RUMBLE Now it's up to Republican lawmakers overseeing the work to determine how far they believe the courts will let them go in crafting new lines that will include an extra congressional district.

In advance of the census data release, a coalition of groups held a webinar

Wednesday to discuss efforts to ensure that the once-a-decade reapportionment remains a “transparent process” that follows the Fair Districts guidelines.

As a lesson learned from the process a decade ago, Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, and House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, separately advised lawmakers Thursday to refrain from discussing map proposals, particularly with people who hope to gain from the changes.

“The House continues to strongly recommend that planned or unplanned conversations about redistricting not take place outside of the committee process with individuals who have a vested interest in the outcomes of the redistricting process,” Sprowls wrote in a memo.

The House and Senate plan to have a joint website to provide detailed information to the public. Also, input will be gathered during committee meetings held in advance of the 2022 legislative session. Lawmakers are expected to approve final maps during the session, which will start in January.

A decade ago, 26 public hearings were held throughout the state during the summer leading up to the districts being redrawn. But lawmakers had more time in 2011, because COVID-19 delayed the 2020 census count.

“Although the census bureau’s delay in releasing the redistricting data is unique to this cycle, we are still well within our constitutionally mandated time frame of redrawing district maps --- during the 2022 regular session,” House Redistricting Chairman Tom Leek, R-Ormond Beach, said in a statement. “We are ready to get to work.”

NOT BACKING DOWN As the highly transmissible delta variant of the coronavirus continues to ravage the state, a battle continues to rage over whether children should have to wear masks during the new school year.

The wrangling is playing out at county school board meetings, in courthouses and on national news as Gov. Ron DeSantis and state Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran double down on their efforts to prevent school districts from requiring students to wear masks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Corcoran’s turned a spotlight on two school districts --- Alachua and Broward --- that he contends are violating a new Department of Health rule that says parents must be allowed to opt out of mask requirements for children. The two districts are requiring doctors’ notes for children to opt out of wearing masks.

“The emergency rule does not require parents to submit medical documentation from a physician or a nurse practitioner in order to opt out, and any such requirement is inconsistent with the emergency rule,” Corcoran wrote to Alachua County school officials on Monday. He sent a similar letter to Leon County school officials, who were going to require doctors’ notes but dropped the idea after receiving the commissioner’s message.

DeSantis and Corcoran contend a new law, dubbed the “Parents’ Bill of Rights” gives families the power to make certain education and health decisions for their children.

On Friday, the State Board of Education published a notice of an emergency meeting next week to look at whether Alachua and Broward officials have complied.

“Failure to faithfully follow the Parents’ Bill of Rights and the Department of Health’s emergency rule endangers the safety and educational opportunities of students in these districts and has the potential to cause learning loss for students,” the notice of Tuesday’s meeting said. Meanwhile, attorneys for a dozen parents from Miami-Dade, Orange, Palm Beach, Alachua,

Hillsborough and Pinellas counties were making their own safety argument in a lawsuit filed in Leon County. The lawsuit alleges that DeSantis' order violates parts of the Florida Constitution, including a provision that requires the provision of a "uniform, efficient, safe, secure and high quality system" of public schools.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Months overdue, key U.S. Census numbers were released Thursday that will allow Florida lawmakers to begin the process of redrawing congressional and legislative districts for the state's 21.5 million residents.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "So far, the Legislature has not given us any reason to be optimistic that the Fair Districts amendments will be adhered to. But we always remain hopeful and are looking forward, as I'm sure you are, to watching this process unfold." --- Ellen Freidin, leader of the FairDistricts Florida Movement and CEO of FairDistricts Now, Inc.

Getting Out of the Way? By Dara Kam Aug 6, 2021

TALLAHASSEE --- Gov. Ron DeSantis and President Joe Biden exchanged barbs this week over the Republican governor's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic as the highly transmissible delta variant of the coronavirus rips through Florida.

Florida and Texas share the dubious distinction of leading the nation in hospitalizations and new COVID-19 cases, prompting Biden to scold DeSantis, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and other state leaders over pandemic policies. Biden's criticism came after DeSantis issued an executive order last week banning school districts from requiring students to wear masks and threatening to withhold funding to schools that defy him.

"If you're not going to help, at least get out of the way of people trying to do the right thing," Biden said Tuesday.

The president's advice unleashed a tirade by DeSantis, who spent about five minutes of an appearance in Panama City dressing down the Democrat.

"Joe Biden suggests that if you don't do lockdown policies then you should quote 'get out the way,'" the governor, who is emerging as a frontrunner in the 2024 GOP presidential primary lineup, said Wednesday. "But let me tell you this, if you're coming after the rights of parents in Florida, I'm standing in your way. I'm not gonna let you get away with it."

When asked about DeSantis' comments on Thursday, Biden delivered another jab.

"Governor who?" Biden said, breaking into a grin. "That's my response."

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released guidance recommending that children wear masks indoors when the school year resumes and that vaccinated people wear face coverings indoors in areas with high COVID-19 infection rates.

Democrats are amping up attacks on DeSantis and his management of the pandemic as health care providers, hospital administrators and local officials wrangle with the skyrocketing number of COVID-19 cases in Florida. The Democratic attacks also have come as DeSantis crisscrosses the country building a hefty war chest for his re-election bid next year.

"He is flouting science. He is giving the middle finger to science," U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz told reporters during a video conference call Thursday. "If he doesn't want to impose a statewide mask mandate, which he should ... then he should get out of the damn way and stop jeopardizing people's lives."

POLITICAL HOT POTATO Debate over whether school districts should be allowed to require children to wear masks took a new twist Friday, as the State Board of Education signed off on a new regulation that will allow students to use taxpayer-backed vouchers to transfer to private schools if they object to wearing masks in classrooms.

DeSantis' executive order last week directed the state Department of Education and the Department of Health to come up with rules designed to prevent school districts from establishing policies requiring masks for students.

The Board of Education approved an emergency rule that will allow students who experience what the Department of Education has labeled "COVID-19 harassment" to receive vouchers through the state's Hope Scholarship program. That program was originally intended to provide vouchers to students who were bullied.

Under the rule, "COVID-19 harassment" is defined as "any threatening, discriminatory, insulting, or dehumanizing verbal, written or physical conduct an individual student suffers in relation to, or as a result of, school district protocols for COVID-19," including masking, testing and quarantine requirements.

Meanwhile Friday, a group of 12 parents who have children with disabilities filed a federal lawsuit challenging DeSantis' executive order, alleging it discriminates against disabled students. The lawsuit argues, in part, that by "refusing to allow school districts to implement mask mandates, Governor DeSantis has placed an illegal barrier for students with disabilities which is preventing our state's most vulnerable students from returning to public schools."

Filed in the federal Southern District of Florida by Miami attorney Matthew Dietz, the lawsuit names as defendants DeSantis, the Department of Education, Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran and the school boards in Orange, Miami-Dade, Hillsborough, Palm Beach, Broward, Pasco, Alachua and Volusia counties. It alleges that the governor's order violates the Americans with Disabilities Act and two other federal laws.

SAD OVER SEA COWS With more than 840 manatee deaths reported in the state this year, members of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on Wednesday expressed a need for patience after receiving an outline of efforts to combat a significant decline in water quality, particularly along the state's East Coast. The water-quality problems have caused a significant loss of seagrass, which is a primary source of food for manatees.

"A couple of things that are, you know, scary things to say, but you know the long-term solution of habitat restoration, that's seagrass restoration, doesn't happen overnight," Commissioner Mike Sole, a former secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, said. "So, I call it a five- to 10-year process. ... We really can't start planting grasses until water quality is reasonably squared away in certain parts."

Kate MacFall, state director of The Humane Society of the United States, said the commission could use the manatee situation as an opportunity to improve state waters.

"We urge you to work with the (Department of Environmental Protection), the water management districts, the legislators --- I know you already do, but even more --- and others to find ways to improve the quality of water, of what is discharged into our waterways," MacFall said. "You have a loud voice, and this agency carries a lot of weight and a lot of authority and people listen."

Florida waters have between 7,520 and 10,280 of the threatened species, which commission Chairman Rodney Barreto called a success story as manatees were reclassified in 2017 as no longer considered endangered. But the number of deaths this year has already surpassed the prior one-year record of 830 in 2013.

STORY OF THE WEEK: COVID-19 cases continue to soar in Florida, filling hospitals and fueling debates about issues such as mask requirements for children in public schools.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "While it may purport to protect and advance intellectual freedom and

viewpoint diversity on Florida's public college and university campuses, its reality --- and its intention --- is the exact opposite." --- from a lawsuit challenging a new state law that, in part, requires colleges and universities to conduct surveys about "intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity."

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ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter Minutes

8-15-2021 14 members in attendance Start at 12:30 Johnny Q's

President: Dan Henderson. Spoke of efforts to remind members of renewal deadlines. Glad now have all those in attendance back in the fold. Jeff joined Snooze and I on the drive to State Meeting due to threat of bad weather. So we bonded and had a good time there. Sure they will drink to that. Debbi was excused as she had Covid.

VP: Ron Rossi All is good

Secretary: Shannon. The minutes from last meeting as in newsletter were accepted

Treasurer: Jeff Adkins. Our bank account is doing well and we can afford the donation for products to ABATE of Florida Safety and Education Inc.

Membership Jeff Adkins. Membership is growing as we get the word out about renewals.

Sgt at Arms: Quiet Dan Shawback. Absent excused as called in that he had to work

Safety: Dan Henderson. Without many events we haven't had any tables out of late. I want to look into getting our Safety Presentation into the schools so hope to talk to school board.

Delegate Report: Ken and Dan. See pages 20 and 21. Ken attended the State Party meeting. Glad that Jeff attended as we had fun

Legislative: Ken Gerecke. See page 22

Public Relations: Dan Henderson. Working to keep our site and social media up to date

Products: Discusses the cost of the color logo shirts that Fred got prices for, decided to go with black and gray (photo next page). Fred might have them for the Sept. meeting. Patches should also be at the meeting for those who want or ordered them. Vote was taken to keep the patches same as have been, countering last meeting's choice to make ABATE more readable.

Old Business : Our December event is starting to get some progress. Snooze got the date for the West Palm Toy run so waiting on a location whether Anchor Inn will work or if Johnny Q's get the permits. There does not seem to be any news on the Broward Sun Run, talked with Southeast at State meeting. We did vote to donate \$400 to the products fund for ABATE Safety and Education Inc. to take to the next State meeting.

New Business : No new business

Good of the Order:

Meeting adjourned: 1:30

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