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President's Message

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

April is going to be a busy month. The 2nd has a Celebration of Life for Jacki Malone at Johnny Q's. The 9th is ABATE of FL state meeting in Melbourne. Close son no overnight and time to get back for 10th Benefit Poker Tournament at Connelly's. Show up to benefit our chapter whether play or not. Our Chapter meeting in the 17th. April 23 is Riding into History in St Augustine. The 23rd is also the ONE DAY downtown Leesburg Bikefest with a Full Throttle bike show. Gator Harley has its' Gator Bike Rally the 21 to 24. The Bikefest site lists the ABATE campground but with LAST years info. Form last State meeting we heard that Lake chapter is NOT doing it.

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MARCH WAS A BAD MONTH

Rooster of the Skulls passe away from a heart attack.

<http://Gofundme.com/f/funeal=services-for-dwayne-rooster-whitten>

OKEECHOBEE – A 22-year-old local man was seriously injured last weekend when his motorcycle ran into a roll of chain link fence in the middle of the highway. Larry Fresolone, who lives in Treasure Island, was on his way home, riding his motorcycle on U.S. 441 Southeast, just north of Nubbins Slough when he came upon the roll of fencing. This was send by his uncle Nighthawk <https://www.southcentralfloridalife.com/stories/roll-of-chain-link-f,44991> Plus on the 24th there will be a benefit for him at J&S Fish camp on the Lake.

At the March 25 open house we learned that LB was in the ICU. We just saw him at Johnny Q's bike night. Snooze is trying to find out more. So far heard he was in an accident Thursday. He is stable but in rough condition. Hearing things from his son and sister. Good that he has ABATE ADD insurance if he needs it.



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UPCOMING Event Schedule All events subject to change

Tuesday Bike Nights L.O.F. Motorsports Jupiter Stadium Grill—IS THIS STILL ON ??

Wednesday Bike Night Gorilla Motors at Johnny Qs

Thursdays Pirates Well Bike Night 7 pm A1A Lake Park

Saturday nights Fly n Wheels Open House

April 2 & 3 Palm Beach Harley Customer Appreciation 11 am to 4 pm

Friday April 8 Ink Link/Rack' n Balls Pub Bike Night 7pm to 11pm

Friday April 8 AOA WPB Open House 8pm -?

Saturday April 9 PBHD Bikes & BBQ, Bikini bike Wash

Saturday April 9 ABATE of FL Ince State Meeting Melbourne

Sunday April 10 Connelly's ABATE Benefit Poker Tournament. 441 and Bedivere

Thursday April 14 Tequesta Bike night at Handlebars (old Judy's A1A)

Friday April 15 Black Pistons WPB Open House

Saturday April 18 PH Harley Ready to Ride Open House Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday April 21 Palm Beach Harley Hot Rods & Harleys Bike Night,, Bike Wash 6-9

Sat. 23 Palm Beach Harley Bikes and Babes, Bikini Bike Wash 12-5

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

Friday April 22 Lone Legion WPB Open House

Saturday April 23 Riding into History St. Augustine

Sunday April 24 12-5 J&S Fish Camp hosts Fundraiser to Help Larry Fresolone

Thursday April 28 Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

April 29 to May 1 Thunder Beach Spring Rally

Sat. 30 Palm Beach Harley Bikes and Babes, Bikini Bike Wash Backstage Party

J&S Fish Camp
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Saturday, March 19th, Larry was riding his motorcycle on 441, just north of Nubbins Slough. Someone in the area lost a roll of chainlink fence in the middle of the road. Larry was unable to avoid the fencing, wrecking his motorcycle. He was hospitalized with a broken collarbone, fractures, lacerations, abrasions, and swelling. The bike was a total loss. Larry is the sole provider for his family and will be out of work for roughly 6 months. His medical bills will be hefty due to seeing a specialist and his hospital stay. Any help will be gratefully appreciated.

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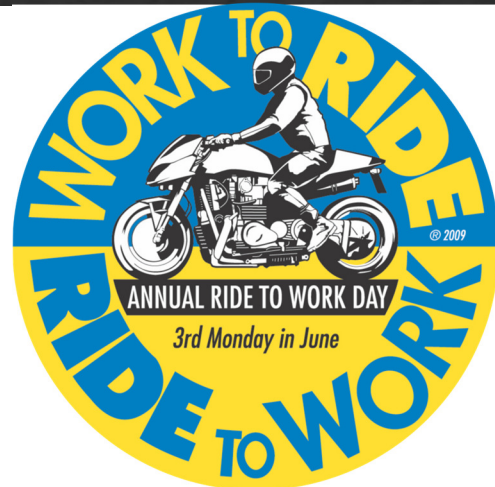
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ABATE of Florida, Inc. Mission Statement

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 to 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 with Debby to rebuilt this campaign. It was discussed and decided to bring back the newsletter notification last. 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 this accident insurance and updated forms. Another reason not to be on list are members who aren't aware they have expired I have already found that several members at last meeting 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.**

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 11-21 Coffery John
 11-21 Baron Jeff
 11-21 Joline James
 12-21 Johnson Randy
 12-21 Freeburn Richard
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 12-21 Prout Ryan
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 3-22 Schmidt Fred
 3-22 Sarni Gregory
 3-22 Cedeno Omar

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 4-22 Knelson Deborah
 4-22 Schnier Craig
 5-22 Gillette Ronald
 5-22 Halperian Ronald
 5-22 Christian Jason
 5-22 Christian Angel
 5-22 Potts John
 5-22 Stedman James
 5-22 Hayden Bob
 6-22 Gerekce Ken
 6-22 Henderson Dan

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 Jeff or Slo Motion palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com , to check the State records of your membership status.

How first responders are working to reduce fatal motorcycle accidents

The annual training, coordinated by ABATE of Iowa, helps prepare emergency officials to respond to motorcycle accidents.

Author: Jenna Webster

DAVENPORT, Iowa — ABATE of Iowa, District 15, is trying to reduce the number of fatal motorcycle accidents by hosting its annual "two-wheel trauma" training on Saturday, March 19 for first responders.

Over 50% of all motorcycle crashes end up causing serious injury or even killing the rider.

In 2019, 5,014 motorcyclists died, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. It also reported that per vehicle miles traveled in 2019, motorcyclists were about 29 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash and were 4 times more likely to be injured.

ABATE is trying to lower that and make the roads safer for bikers.

"I mean, the more people that know how to respond, it would be extremely helpful," said coordinator Bill Gillespie.

They've been holding the safety training since 2005. This year around 50 first responders attended, including nurses, firefighters, law enforcement officials and EMTs.

The all-day training teaches them how to assess an accident scene and injury, how to treat environmental injuries, such as burns, and how to manage an accident scene and a crowd.

Several ABATE members also brought their motorcycles in for the bike lab training portion.

Here, first responders got to know a little bit about the different types of bikes.

"This program is designed for just about anything with handlebars, bicyclists, snowmobiles, you know it," Gillespie said. "We're going to look at it, how to handle it. Sometimes certain bikes have certain hotspots and that if they have to remove a bike off a victim, then they can do it safely."

When it comes to an injured rider, Gillespie explained how first responders need to assess and react. It all depends on the injury's point of impact.

"Has the rider come off the motorcycle? Has he had just one impact? Or has there been multiple impacts?" he said. "One impact is actually worse. There's all kinds of internal things that you need to look for. The multiple, you would treat just a little differently."

He recommends the course to everyone and added some advice for what people who aren't first responders should do if they see a motorcycle crash.

"First of all, do not remove the helmet off a victim," Gillespie said. "It takes three people to do that properly. And the main thing is to try to keep the injured motorcyclist calm, keep him lay still — sometimes they may want to get up, walk around. They should wait until help arrives and assesses them. They may seem alright right away, but they may deteriorate quickly."

Gillespie also recommends motorcyclists take a course in accident scene management so that

they know what to do before help arrives.

The first responders who took part in the course Saturday received continuing education credit.

<https://www.wqad.com/article/news/local/abate-iowa-two-wheel-trauma-training/526-f01b2617-6da6-4d80-ba55-947a9f1d48b0> with video

You can find more information on the "two wheel trauma" training by clicking/tapping here.

<https://twowheeltrauma.com/>



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These Celebrities Have The Coolest Motorcycle Collections

BY OLAKUNLE MICHAEL PUBLISHED 1 DAY AGO

These celebs can afford to own several of the coolest motorcycles ever made.

A celebrity is said to be anyone who has gotten fame and huge public recognition through massive attention or focus accorded them via mass media. That said, the ‘celebrity’ tag often depicts a positive public image. It can be attained through various means that include partaking in sports, having a career in the entertainment industry, having a political position, or even from just having great wealth.

Notably, a common factor among most celebrities is huge wealth which comes as a result of being relatively successful in their career or sometimes through proceeds of endorsement deals gotten from being public figures.

Nonetheless, celebrities have things they loved and longed for before fame and money came. For celebrities who are motorcycle freaks, it could be several things relating to the two-wheeler, including motorcycle collection. Hence, from their jaw-dropping acquisitions which include classic, modern, or custom builds, these celebrities have the most astonishing motorcycle collections.



8 Keanu Reeves

Although he never rode on a motorcycle until he was 22, nonetheless, Keanu Reeves is still one of the biggest celebrity motorcycle collectors in the world. Reeves always displays his passion for two-wheelers in his movies, and he doesn't shy away from taking his fascination beyond the movie.

His collection includes a 1984 Harley-Davidson Shovelhead, a Moto Guzzi, and the famous 2004 Ducati 998 from the movie *Matrix Reloaded*, among others. Notably, Reeves, alongside Gard Hollinger, co-founded the Arch Motorcycle Company.

7 Ewan McGregor

Award-winning Scottish actor Ewan McGregor is best known for starring roles in several big-budget Hollywood movies that include *Star Wars* and *Black Hawk Down*. A massive motorcycle enthusiast, McGregor has been riding motorcycles since his youth and has grown to become



a collector.

In 2004, the Hollywood star, along with his friend, Charley Boorman, did a marathon international trip from London to New York on a BMW R1150GS Adventure motorbikes. Also, McGregor has a diverse collection of motorcycles that includes Indian Larry Chopper Moto and BMW R1200GS Adventure.

6 Jay Leno

American TV host Jay Leno is quite a vocal man, but with a net worth as humongous as his, it can be very hard not to be. A passionate gearhead, Leno has hosted Jay Leno's Garage since 2014, and he's also quite famous for automotive collections, having collected a great number of exotic classic cars and motorcycles.

It's on record that aside from his numerous cars, Leno also has over 117 motorbikes in his collections and these include a 1924 Ace Motorcycles



XP-4 and a 1939 Brough Superior SS100 to name a few.



5 Orlando Bloom

Orlando Bloom is another celebrity who has a massive interest in motorcycles. However, unlike most enthusiasts, Bloom is very specific about his choice of two-wheelers as such, he is a lifelong fan of the BMW brand.

Bloom recently had a BMW S 1000 R customized by the famous Deus Ex Machina custom shop in California. But that's just one of several, as the highly successful actor and Hollywood star has several other BMW models as well as some old classics.

4 Tom Cruise

With a net worth of about \$600 million, American actor and producer Tom Cruise is undoubtedly one of the world's richest actors. With such overwhelming wealth, it becomes easier to indulge in any ventures one has a passion for, irrespective of how expensive it might be.

For Cruise, that venture is a motorcycle collection. Reportedly, he has the most expensive motorcycle in the world among his collections that also includes several other amazing brands like Vyrus 987 C3 4V, Confederate Hellcat, and Triumph Bonneville Scrambler.

3 Ryan Reynolds

Fan-favorite Ryan Reynolds is considered to





have such a cool and alluring personality, and that stems largely from his roles in movies. However, as gearheads, another reason we consider Reynolds to be such an incredibly cool dude is his amazing collection of motorcycles.

By the look of things, there's also every reason to believe that Reynolds prefers motorcycles to cars. Notably, his collection includes a Retro Triumph, Ducati Paul Smart, 1964 Triumph 650, and a Honda CB750 among others.

2 Richard Hammond

English TV presenter Richard Hammond has been a motorcycle enthusiast long before finding fame through Top Gear, a British motoring factual TV program he co-hosted with Jeremy Clarkson and James May on BBC Two from 2002 until 2015. Also, He has always loved two-wheelers, be it a bicycle, scooter, or motorcycle as he thoroughly enjoys riding them in cities.

Just like his cars, Hammond's motorcycle collection is extensive, and it includes a 1935 Indian, 1947 Harley, Yamaha Virago, and a 1998 Ducati 916 SPS Fogarty Replica.



1 Brad Pitt

American movie star Brad Pitt is one of the biggest names in the industry. He's been acting since as far back as 1987 and has scored huge commercial successes in a host of movies that include Troy, World War Z, and recently with Once Upon a Time in Hollywood.

Needless to say, Pitt is extremely wealthy, and he has used a sizeable portion of his wealth to indulge his latent passion for motorcycles, as seen through his highly admirable collection. His collection includes Ducati

Desmosedici RR, Indian Larry, Ecosse, and so on.

<https://www.hotcars.com/celebrities-with-the-coolest-motorcycle-collections/>



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

Thursdays Pirates Well Bike Night 9477 Alt. A1A Lake Park 7pm

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

3rd Thurs Palm Beach Harley and Treasure Coast Harley Bike Nights

Last Thurs Underground Cycles Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

1st Fri Enforcers MC Party (?)

2nd Fri Ink Link bight night

2nd Fri AOA WPB Open House

3rd Fri Black Pistons Open House

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

4th Fri Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House

SAT night Fly 'n Wheels Open House

Sat PBH Abacoa Concert Series 7:30 to 10 pm

SAT Palm Beach Harley Grill Days events and bikini bike washes

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



ABATE of FL Inc. PALM BEACH CHAPTER

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3rd Sunday May 15
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3rd Sunday July 17
3rd Sunday Aug. 21
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3rd Sunday Oct. 16
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3rd Sunday Dec. 18

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Come one, come all, to help us celebrate the life and dreams of Jacki Malone. Those of you that knew Jacki, know that she was involved with helping many in the community. Her motivation to succeed in this world was the hope to create a better life for her grandchildren. This benefit is to honor Jacki's memory, to celebrate her life and to help fulfill her dreams for her grandchildren's future.

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Again, this year, our Vulnerable Road User bill's were not even given the chance to be heard in a committee. This year we made a targeted effort to reach out specifically to the chairs of both the House and Senate committees and all the members of the first committee the bills were to appear. Doc had communications with both the chairs, I had communication with both and I made it very easy for you and all our members to communicate with them with the email giving you easy step by step cut and paste emails to all the legislators involved.

Well, OUR legislators decided that the lives of Vulnerable Road Users were once again NOT worth their time and energy to even schedule a 10 minute hearing in front of the committee. We know from previous years, if our bill gets in front of a committee, Doc will testify and the bill will pass the committee. However, this year our legislators, specifically the Chairs of the first committees COULD not be bothered to help save lives.

But thankfully our legislators did find time and energy to pass SB 1006 and HB 567 to make Strawberry Shortcake the OFFICIAL dessert of Florida!!! Gov. DeSantis even took the time to sign the bill so that we can all rest assured that Florida now has an official State Dessert.

Please take a moment this election year to thank your local legislator for boldly passing the Strawberry Shortcake bill. GREAT WORK Legislators.... but next year could you please help us save some lives? - Scribe Darrin

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Weekly Roundup: Closing the Book on 2022 Session

Recap and analysis of the week in state government and politics By Ryan Dailey

TALLAHASSEE — The 2022 legislative session has come and gone, and lawmakers' final act before concluding business Monday was to pass a \$112.1 billion budget for next fiscal year.

The spending plan includes providing record per-student funding for public-schools, pay raises for state employees and money to provide a \$15 minimum wage for workers at nursing homes and other Medicaid providers.

"This is a good budget," House Appropriations Chairman Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, said. "It's a great budget for Florida and its long-term success. This budget has record funding for many important programs and creates record reserves to position our state to weather future storms."

Only three lawmakers voted against the election-year spending plan, which was bolstered by federal stimulus money and higher-than-expected state tax collections.

But Gov. Ron DeSantis, who wields line-item veto power, said Wednesday the budget might be too generous in some areas and that people celebrating getting projects in the spending plan should refrain from "any irrational exuberance."

DeSantis made the comments during an event at the City of Hialeah Educational Academy, but he made clear that \$2.9 million earmarked in the budget for the school won't get axed.

"We're fortunate because our economy has been very strong," DeSantis said. "We have booming revenues. And so, they've had an ability to put maybe more in the budget. And if it's something that's good, like (the Hialeah academy), I said I'll approve it. There are some things that are probably going to be a bridge too far."

The Legislature has not formally sent the budget, which will take effect July 1, to DeSantis.

Before the traditional hanky drop that signaled its end, the 2022 session was dominated by fierce debates about issues such as education, abortion and immigration.

While Republican lawmakers delivered on many of DeSantis' legislative priorities, Democrats said critical issues were neglected.

"People are concerned about workforce housing and the insurance crisis," Senate Minority Leader Lauren Book, D-Plantation, said Monday before the session's conclusion. "They have to make decisions about whether (to put) dinner on the table, paying for gas or getting to work on time, but we're up here fighting culture wars."

OUT WITH THE OLD DeSantis made stops at two schools this week to herald the signing of a bill that he says will spell the death knell for the state's current system of standardized testing.

The bill (SB 1048) is designed to replace what's known as the Florida Standards Assessments with "progress monitoring" tests that will be administered to students at the beginning, middle and end of each school year.

"Today, we come not to praise the FSA (Florida Standards Assessments), but to bury it," DeSantis said during a bill-signing event in St. Petersburg.

This spring will mark the final time that public-school students will have to take the Florida Standards Assessments.

Under the new system, the first two progress-monitoring tests of the year will be used

to “facilitate timely interventions and supports,” the bill said. The final exam will be used to determine accountability measures such as school grades and graduation for high-school students.

Eliminating or scaling back “high-stakes testing” has long been a wish-list item for many public-education advocates — but some aren’t sold on the change.

The Florida Education Association, the state’s largest teachers union, responded to the bill-signing by saying the measure “fails to meet ... expectations” of teachers and parents.

“This bill does not reduce testing but increases it. The bill does not focus on student learning or on providing teachers time to monitor and assess children’s progress. In fact, it probably will add more work for already overwhelmed teachers,” union President Andrew Spar said in a statement.

But DeSantis touted the new testing plan before putting his signature on the bill.

“We think it will increase academic performance, we think it will be more accurate measurement, and we think it’s something that parents and teachers alike are going to be happy about,” DeSantis said.

ON THE HUNT Five state universities are looking to hire new presidents. And while the schools are in varying stages of their searches, a new state law is quickly having an impact.

The law, signed Tuesday by DeSantis, creates a public-records exemption for information that could identify presidential applicants until near the end of searches, when information about finalists will be released.

The law also provides a public-meetings exemption for searches until finalists are determined, unless meetings are held for the purposes of establishing qualifications for the positions or “any compensation framework.”

University of North Florida trustees Wednesday briefly discussed how the law will factor into their search for a new president — including how it will affect a meeting at the end of this month. The law took effect immediately after DeSantis’ signature.

“The initial portion of the meeting will be talking about process, in sort of, say, the first hour. And then the remainder will be in a confidential setting according to the law. This is not a regulation or a rule or a policy or a procedure, this is the law,” said Paul McElroy, vice-chairman of the UNF trustees.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Florida lawmakers passed a record \$112.1 billion budget Monday to end a legislative session dominated by fierce debates about issues such as education, abortion and immigration.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “So much emphasis being placed on things that really have little to no impact on people’s everyday lives. And, really, what we’re looking at is (an) erasure of certain communities. A demonizing and an otherizing of other communities. And, really, I’d have to say it’s been the most partisan and culturally driven session that I’ve ever been a part of, and that is not a good thing.” — House Minority Leader Evan Jenne, D-Dania Beach, on the 2022 legislative session.

Backroom Briefing: Too Early to Celebrate

Weekly political notes from The News Service of Florida By Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- Gov. Ron DeSantis said the \$112.1 billion budget approved Monday by the Legislature might be too generous in some areas and people celebrating getting projects in the spending plan should refrain from “any irrational exuberance.”

Still, he made clear one of the hundreds of local projects pushed by lawmakers won’t

draw a veto.

During an event Wednesday at the City of Hialeah Educational Academy, DeSantis said the school doesn't have to worry he will nix \$2.9 million that Sen. Manny Diaz Jr., R-Hialeah, and Rep. Tom Fabricio, R-Miramar, helped get into the budget to expand the academy's "career pathways" program..

"All right, so I hereby approve \$2.9 million right here," DeSantis said. "So, that'll be in there when we sign the budget."

Otherwise, DeSantis said he expects to make cuts throughout the record budget for the fiscal year that will start July 1. The Legislature has not formally sent the budget to DeSantis.

Without getting specific, DeSantis implied that House and Senate budget negotiators might have agreed to certain spending sought by the other side in the talks with the hope "the governor would come in and maybe save the day on some of this stuff."

"We're fortunate because our economy has been very strong," DeSantis said. "We have booming revenues. And so, they've had an ability to put maybe more in the budget. And if it's something that's good, like (the Hialeah academy), I said I'll approve it. There are some things that are probably going to be a bridge too far."

DeSantis' vetoes have increased since he first took office in 2019, when he cut \$131 million from a budget totaling \$90.98 billion. A year later, as a hedge against potential impacts to the state's revenue and spending in the early stages of the coronavirus pandemic, DeSantis slashed \$1 billion from a \$92.2 billion budget.

In 2021, the vetoes totaled \$1.5 billion from a budget topping \$100 billion. DeSantis removed about 150 line items pitched by individual lawmakers out of about 700 included in the budget. But the vast majority of money vetoed was \$1 billion in federal dollars that would have gone to a new emergency fund in the governor's office.

That veto came after concerns were raised about using federal stimulus money for the fund. During this year's session, lawmakers passed — and DeSantis has already signed — a similar fund totaling \$500 million. The money is coming from state general revenue.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried on Tuesday touted lawmakers for approving 12 of 15 priority requests for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, even if some of the funding won't be available until her final days in office.

With Fried, a Democrat, running for governor, several spending provisions for her department carry a Jan. 1, date for the money to become available. Among the delayed funding is \$300 million for the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program.

Fried initially told reporters that even with the delay, she's "encouraged by what appears to be the state's commitment to conservation of farmland and wildlife habitat."

But later, Fried, the only statewide-elected Democrat, said politics have played a role in her agency's budget since she took office. She noted that lawmakers in 2019 crafted a measure requiring her to remove gas-pump inspection stickers that contained a photo of her face.

"Unfortunately, a lot of our budget, historically, for the last four years has been tied up in partisan politics, whether it was funding that we had not received in the last three years, attacking my department on sticker gate," Fried said. "And it is unfortunate because obviously these are all priorities from the department, and to wait to prolong the investment into our state until after the election is just bad politics. It's bad governing."

Among this year's candidates for agriculture commissioner is Senate President Wilton Simpson, a Trilby Republican whose chamber pushed for the Rural and Family Lands money

and the delayed implementation dates.

Fried's department priorities that received funding were pay raises for Florida Forest Service firefighters and agriculture law-enforcement officers and investigators; \$18.5 million for research and programs to combat citrus greening disease, which has devastated the citrus industry; and \$1.7 million to expand the concealed-weapons licensing program.

"Our folks in licensing have been working hard to streamline the application and approval process," Fried said. "More employees will make it more efficient while ensuring that all background checks are completed and done correctly."

Proposals not making the cut included an effort to phase out polystyrene products --- such as Styrofoam cups, plates and to-go boxes.

CLEARING THE FIELD Two days after endorsing Rep. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, for an open Senate seat, DeSantis announced there wouldn't be an expected primary fight between Ingoglia and Rep. Ralph Massullo, R-Lecanto.

"I was able to speak with @RalphMassullo earlier today and he informed me that he intends to run for re-election to the Florida House," DeSantis tweeted on Wednesday. "Ralph is a smart conservative member and I endorse his re-election."

Before DeSantis endorsed Ingoglia, Massullo was expected to draw support from a political committee run by incoming Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples.

Massullo quickly tweeted he was "Honored to have the endorsement of America's best Governor!"

Ingoglia, the former Republican Party of Florida chair, also later tweeted that he spoke with Massullo.

"We both reaffirmed that together we will continue to work hard for the citizens of the Nature Coast. Ralph is a man of integrity and principle and I'm proud to call him a friend."

The redrawn Senate District 11 seat includes all or parts of Citrus, Hernando, Sumter and Pasco counties

TWEET OF THE WEEK: "Disney, the door is open to bring those jobs back to California --- the state that actually represents the values of your workers," --- California Gov. Gavin Newsom (@GavinNewsom), after a clash between Walt Disney World and Gov. Ron DeSantis about legislation that critics dubbed the "don't say gay" bill.

Lawmakers Pass \$112.1 Billion Budget to End Session

By Jim Saunders, Ryan Dailey and Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida lawmakers passed a record \$112.1 billion budget Monday to end a legislative session dominated by fierce debates about issues such as education, abortion and immigration.

Only three lawmakers voted against the election-year spending plan, which was pumped up by federal stimulus money and higher-than-expected state tax collections. It funnels money to myriad issues, including higher funding for public schools and pay raises for state employees, and is a 10.4 percent increase from a budget approved for the current year.

"This is a good budget," House Appropriations Chairman Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, said before the House voted 105-3 to approve the budget (HB 5001). "It's a great budget for Florida and its long-term success. This budget has record funding for many important programs and creates record reserves to position our state to weather future storms."

The session was originally scheduled to end Friday, but a delay in finalizing the budget forced lawmakers to extend until Monday. The session adjourned at 1:03 p.m., after votes on the

budget and a series of related bills.

Gov. Ron DeSantis joined lawmakers during a “sine die” gathering on the Capitol’s fourth floor that included a traditional hanky drop marking the end of the session.

DeSantis touted Florida as the “best law and order state in the entire country,” pointing to issues such as bonuses that will go to first responders and incentives to try to attract more law-enforcement officers from other states.

He also alluded to some highly controversial issues, such as a bill that includes preventing instruction in early school grades about sexual orientation and gender identity — a measure that critics labeled the “don’t say gay” bill.

“As the parent of three kids that are age 5 and under, thank you for letting me and my wife be able to send our kids to kindergarten without them being sexualized,” said DeSantis, whose comments at the ceremony were briefly interrupted by a protester who rained fake \$100 bills on the gathering of lawmakers and onlookers.

While almost all Democrats voted for the budget, they blasted Republicans for focusing during the session on issues designed to appeal to the Republican base. Among other things, lawmakers passed measures to prevent abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, increase immigration enforcement and create a new state office to investigate alleged election irregularities.

“This was a pure and simple culture war that we saw here,” House Minority Leader Evan Jenne, D-Dania Beach said. “So much emphasis being placed on things that really have little to no impact on people’s everyday lives. And, really, what we’re looking at is (an) erasure of certain communities. A demonizing and an otherizing of other communities. And, really, I’d have to say it’s been the most partisan and culturally driven session that I’ve ever been a part of, and that is not a good thing.”

Democrats said the GOP-dominated Legislature did not address issues such as the troubled property-insurance system, as homeowners face soaring premiums and lose policies.

“People are concerned about workforce housing and the insurance crisis,” Senate Minority Leader Lauren Book, D-Plantation, said. “They have to make decisions about whether (to put) dinner on the table, paying for gas or getting to work on time, but we’re up here fighting culture wars.”

But Senate Appropriations Chairwoman Kelli Stargel, R-Lakeland, said lawmakers got a lot done amid the controversies.

“I think when everyone settles down, looks at what we got accomplished, those things will still be a discussion. But the overall product delivered in session was a very accomplished session,” said Stargel, who sponsored the abortion limit along with being the Senate’s chief budget writer. “We got a ton done. A lot of the rhetoric took a lot of priority. But I think after that’s all settled, it will have been a great year.”

The Senate voted 33-0 to pass the budget, while the House backed it in a 105-3 vote. The dissenters were Rep. Michael Grieco, D-Miami Beach, Rep. Dotie Joseph, D-North Miami, and Rep. Anthony Sabatini, R-Howey-in-the-Hills.

DeSantis has line-item veto power, with the budget slated to take effect July 1.

The budget includes a nearly \$385 increase in per-student funding in the Florida Education Finance Program, the main formula for distributing money to public schools. Also, it includes increased money to continue an effort to boost minimum teacher salaries to \$47,500.

Other areas of the budget include a 5.38 percent across-the-board pay hike for state workers,

money to provide a \$15 minimum wage for workers at nursing homes and other Medicaid providers and \$650 million to build a new prison.

Meanwhile, a tax package, valued at \$658 million, includes suspending state gas taxes for one month in October. Also, it includes a series of sales-tax “holidays,” such as for back-to-school shoppers and for people buying supplies in advance of hurricane season.

Sen. Ray Rodrigues, R-Estero, said when people look back at the session, they will see substantial tax cuts, increased parental choice and improvements to the environment, which are popular issues with his constituents.

“We spent more on clean water projects this session than we ever have,” Rodrigues said. “The number one issue in my district, by the way, is water quality. I can go back and show them great work we’ve done.”

Weekly Roundup: DeSantis Priorities Dished Up

By Ryan Dailey Mar 11, 2022

TALLAHASSEE --- Lawmakers didn’t finalize a budget in time for Friday’s scheduled end of the 2022 legislative session, but they did deliver on some of Gov. Ron DeSantis’ top legislative priorities this week.

The Republican-dominated Senate on Thursday signed off on a bill (HB 7) that would restrict how race-related issues can be taught in public schools and in workplace training sessions --- an outgrowth of DeSantis’ fight against critical race theory.

An emotionally raw debate that played out over two days in the Senate centered on whether the bill lives up to its “Individual Freedom” title or whether it seeks to obscure the uglier parts of American history and stifle the speech of teachers and businesses.

Under the bill, instruction would constitute discrimination if it led a person to believe that they bear “responsibility for, or should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment because of, actions committed in the past” by people of the same race or sex.

But Democrats argued that the plan is part of an attempt by Republicans throughout the country to rewrite the nation’s past.

“This is a continuation of a national agenda to whitewash history, all because we don’t want white children to feel uncomfortable?” Sen. Shevrin Jones, a West Park Democrat who is Black, said.

The measure would similarly label a business’ training exercise discriminatory if it caused an employee to feel “psychological distress” over actions committed in the past in which the employee played no part.

“HEADED INTO OVERTIME Overtime. Extra innings. Whatever it’s called, the legislative session is slated to finish a bit behind schedule.

The clock began ticking Thursday on a 72-hour “cooling off period” that is legally required before lawmakers can vote on the budget. The finished product agreed upon by negotiators is a record \$112.1 billion spending plan for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, up 10.4 percent from a budget approved for the current year.

Lawmakers are scheduled to vote on the plan Monday.

Senate leaders this week touted the spending package, saying it will make “key investments” in public safety, education, the environment and provide pay raises for state workers.

“We build on the efforts that began last year to infuse a steady stream of funds into affordable housing programs, wastewater projects, including septic-to-sewer conversions, and to mitigate

sea-level rise,” Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, said in a prepared statement. House Appropriations Chairman Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, and Senate Appropriations Chairwoman Kelli Stargel, R-Lakeland, provided some clarity on a high-profile part of the budget after a Thursday conference.

The budget chiefs reached an agreement on how to distribute a \$200 million “School Recognition Program” fund, which is designed to reward schools that did not impose student mask requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic and kept in line with DeSantis’ pandemic directives.

To be eligible, school districts and charter schools must have followed the governor’s guidance on masks and performed well academically. School districts in Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Indian River, Leon, Miami-Dade, Orange, Palm Beach, Sarasota and Volusia counties that enacted mask requirements can’t qualify for a share of the “recognition” money.

To be eligible for the bonuses, schools would have had to maintain an “A” school grade or improve at least one letter grade compared to the 2018-19 school year

“And what this fund is doing, is saying hey, you’ve followed the law and your school is doing well, you have the ability to draw down some of these resources. Should you have broken the law, then you don’t receive those resources,” Trumbull said.

But Sen. Tina Polsky, D-Boca Raton, pushed back on the plan Friday, calling it “not appropriate” and saying it would penalize schools in her South Florida district that were responding to parents’ wishes.

“We had, I think, under one percent of the student population ask to not wear masks,” Polsky said of schools in her district. “So you cannot say that the parents wanted no masks. A very loud minority of parents wanted no masks.”

An earlier House version of the plan, labeled the “Putting Parents First Adjustment,” had proposed shifting \$200 million away from school districts that imposed mask requirements.

RETURN TO PRIVATE LIFE State Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran, who has been an ally of DeSantis on controversial issues such as student mask requirements and critical race theory, will step down from the post at the end of April, he announced Thursday.

Corcoran, a Republican former speaker of the Florida House, was appointed commissioner in December 2018 as DeSantis prepared to take office.

He will “return to private life” to spend more time with his family, according to an announcement published on the state Department of Education website.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Florida lawmakers passed two of Gov. Ron DeSantis’ top legislative priorities --- measures that would restrict how race-related issues are taught in schools and limit how sexual orientation and gender identity can be taught --- but will return to the Capitol Monday to complete work on a record \$112.1 billion state budget.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “The bill is all about trying to blot out history. It’s also about fear. Not fear of someone feeling guilt, but fear of our young people coming together to tear down walls of division that some people want to keep up.” Sen. Audrey Gibson, D-Jacksonville, on a bill (HB 7) headed to Gov. Ron DeSantis that would restrict how race-related issues can be taught in public schools and in workplace training sessions.

Backroom Briefing: Feeling Dissed?

By Jim Saunders and Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- As they end their final terms in the Legislature, it is a tradition for

lawmakers to give going-away speeches. Sometimes they are funny. Sometimes they are emotional. Sometimes they are both.

But House Minority Leader Evan Jenne, D-Dania Beach, added a twist late Wednesday as he said farewell. Jenne took aim at the Florida Democratic Party for not paying enough attention to House Democrats.

“Democratic Party, I don’t care if you’re at the top, you’re at the bottom, you’re anywhere in between, you need to respect this caucus. You need to respect this caucus,” Jenne said. “This caucus is the fertile ground where so many incredible careers have taken place, and you look at the men and women that are here and what they’ve done, you need to put a little more respect on the name of this caucus, Florida Democratic Party.”

“And understand that when you’re talking about Reubin Askew, when you’re talking about Lawton Chiles, when you’re talking about Carrie Meek, when you’re talking about Kendrick Meek, when you’re talking about Debbie Wasserman Schultz, I don’t care who it is, when you’re talking about Fentrice Driskell, they got their start in statewide politics right here,” he continued. “Understand that. Respect this caucus.”

Askew and Chiles served as governor, while the mother-and-son Meeks served in Congress, and Wasserman Schultz continues to serve in the U.S. House. Driskell, of Tampa, is a current member of the Florida House who could be a rising star.

Jenne’s comments came near the end of a session where the House Republican majority has steamrolled Democrats on numerous high-profile issues.

WRITE THIS DOWN Senate President Wilton Simpson will ride away from the Legislature with an autographed guitar from his favorite country singer.

On Monday, the Trilby Republican, who is running for agriculture commissioner, got to show off an acoustic guitar affixed with a signature from Country Music Hall of Fame member George Strait.

As a parting gift, senators chipped in to send Simpson and his wife, Kathy, to Las Vegas as Strait was performing at T-Mobile Arena during the weekend of the NFL’s Super Bowl.

“What do you get the person that has everything and that could buy whatever he wanted?”

Senate Majority Leader Debbie Mayfield, R-Indian River, said. “That was a challenge.”

Mayfield said the gift of anything involving Strait was Kathy Simpson’s suggestion.

TRUMP’S CABINET Former President Donald Trump injected himself into a pair of state Cabinet races after Democratic candidates emerged.

Trump, a Palm Beach resident who has not publicly taken a stance on the governor’s race, announced support for the re-election efforts of Republican Attorney General Ashley Moody and Republican Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis.

Trump, through his Save America PAC, called Patronis a “committed conservative and great family man,” who is a “defender of the 2nd Amendment” and “works to keep Florida’s economy strong.”

The Cabinet is made up of the CFO, attorney general and agriculture commissioner. Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, a Democrat, is running for governor.

Trump previously backed Simpson in the agriculture commissioner contest.

Trump said Moody has been “terrific” as the attorney general and that she “truly knows and understands the importance of Law and Order.”

“As President, I appointed Ashley to the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and she has been a crusader fighting opioid abuse and human trafficking ever since,” Trump

wrote. “Ashley Moody will never let you down, and I give her my Complete and Total Endorsement!”

Aramis Ayala, the former state attorney in Orange and Osceola counties who opened a campaign account last week to run for attorney general, jumped on Moody for the endorsement.

“The top attorney for the State of Florida, the individual sworn to protect the people and uphold the rule of law, is touting an endorsement from an ex-president under investigation for criminal conspiracy to defraud the people of their votes,” Ayala said in a statement.

Democrat Daniel Uhlfelder, a Santa Rosa Beach attorney, entered the race for attorney general this week. Also, former state Rep. Adam Hattersley, a Hillsborough County Democrat, has launched a bid to unseat Patronis.

Advances: Week of March 7, 2022

TALLAHASSEE --- The end is near.

Florida lawmakers are ready to enter the final scheduled week of the 2022 legislative session, with most major issues remaining unresolved.

That’s always the case. Big issues percolate for weeks or months, and then pass — or die — in the final days of the session.

The biggest unresolved issue is reaching agreement on what likely will be a record budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, which will start July 1. Lawmakers are flush with cash because of federal stimulus money and higher-than-expected tax revenues, but House and Senate leaders still have to work out the details.

A final budget needs to land on lawmakers’ desks — at least figuratively in the online era — on Tuesday for the session to end as scheduled March 11. That is because of a legally required 72-hour “cooling off” period before lawmakers can vote on the budget.

Lawmakers also face a question mark about a congressional redistricting plan. The House and Senate passed a plan, but Gov. Ron DeSantis has vowed to veto it. It remains unclear how quickly that could play out. But a veto would send the issue back to the Legislature.

Weekly Roundup: Heading into Crunch Time

By Ryan Dailey Mar 4, 2022

TALLAHASSEE — The 60-day legislative session is dwindling to its final week, and bills will soon start piling up on Gov. Ron DeSantis’ desk.

But many important issues remain unresolved — namely, agreement on a new state budget.

The Senate last month proposed a \$108.6 billion budget for the fiscal year that will start July 1, while the House pitched a \$105.3 billion spending plan. Negotiators will have to bridge that difference.

Conference committees met this week but left numerous issues unresolved, which means House and Senate budget chiefs will have to iron the details.

“I just think we ran out of time,” Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Chairman Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, said as health-care negotiators were unable to agree on a series of issues.

Crafting a budget is the only constitutionally required duty of the Florida Legislature.

If lawmakers want to see the traditional hanky drop on time, House and Senate leaders will need to finish a budget by Tuesday to end the session on March 11. That is because of a required 72-hour “cooling off” period before the House and Senate can vote on the budget.

DeSantis’ priorities, and veto power, loom large over the budget-writing process.

So far, lawmakers have not agreed to some of DeSantis' requests, such as suspending the state's gasoline tax for five months starting in July and providing \$100 million for the state's Job Growth Grant Fund, which the governor can distribute to infrastructure projects and work-force-training programs.

Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, was asked by a reporter Thursday night about whether excluding the governor's priorities could lead to increased vetoes.

"Collectively what the House and Senate will produce, I believe, are substantial wins for this state," Simpson said. "And I think when the sum total of what gets completed by next Friday (March 11) is completed, then I think the governor will not see this as wins and losses, because maybe he advocated for something that didn't happen. We advocate in the Senate for maybe a dozen items, two dozen items, that won't happen. Is that a loss? That same position for the House. And so, I don't think there's wins and losses here."

ABORTION LIMIT PASSES A bill headed to DeSantis' desk would prohibit doctors from performing abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, an issue that was one of the most bitterly disputed of the 2022 session.

The Senate on Thursday night passed the measure (HB 5) in a 23-15 party-line vote that was the culmination of hours of debate over two days. The House passed the bill last month in a 78-39 vote along almost straight party lines.

The measure would make an exception to the 15-week restriction for instances of a "fatal fetal abnormality," or a terminal condition that is incompatible with life outside the womb, if two physicians certify that such an abnormality exists.

Democrats voiced strong objections to the bill not including an exception for victims of rape or incest. House and Senate Republicans rejected proposed changes to the measure that would have added such exceptions.

The governor on Friday confirmed that he intends to sign the bill.

"I think the protections are warranted, and I think that we'll be able to sign that in short order," DeSantis said during an appearance in Jacksonville.

At nearly the same time DeSantis remarked on the proposal, President Joe Biden decried the Legislature's approval of the bill.

"Last night, the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature passed a dangerous bill that will severely restrict women's access to reproductive health care. My administration will not stand for the continued erosion of women's constitutional rights," Biden said in a tweet.

BLUFF CALLED? The Legislature on Friday approved a pair of redistricting maps aimed at placating DeSantis' desire to condense a sprawling North Florida congressional district held by Al Lawson, a Black Democrat.

The plan includes a "primary" map and a "backup" map, which would be used if courts reject the primary version.

But before House and Senate lawmakers passed the proposal (SB 102), DeSantis objected to it.

DeSantis vowed in a tweet to veto the proposed maps, saying that they would be "DOA" — dead on arrival — if they reached his desk. The governor later doubled down on his tweet, saying his "legal folks" have concerns about the proposal and that he doesn't "bluff."

STORY OF THE WEEK: Florida doctors could soon be prohibited from performing abortions past 15 weeks of pregnancy, after the Republican-controlled Senate approved a bill that is headed to Gov. Ron DeSantis' desk.

ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter Minutes

3-20-2022 14 members 2 guests in attendance Start at 12:30 Johnny Q's

President: Dan Henderson. Led the Pledge to Flag and moment of silence. ABATE State meeting is April 9 in Melbourne, short ride so no need for overnight and time to get back for the Poker Benefit at Connelly's at noon the 10th. We have rifle tickets. Still checking on the Zelle.

VP: Ron Rossi keep attending the open houses, rides and events

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

Treasurer: Jeff Adkins. Have money

Membership Jeff Adkins. 134 members. Going to try \$100 for six years

Sgt at Arms: Quiet Dan Shawback. All is well

Safety: Dan Henderson. Will do table at Poker tournament

Delegate Report: Ken and Dan. Melbourne is only 2 hour ride so would be good to have a turnout. Check with Snooze to ride Members should attend some state meetings

Legislative: Ken Gerecke. Sessions are over. Read news on page

Public Relations: Dan Henderson. Spread the news about our events

Products will be getting more patches as sold a couple more at meeting

Old Business : working on details of our May 22 event

New Business : First round of nominations PRES Slo Motion accepted VP Snooze and Uncle Ron declined. Walter accepted. SEC open and needed. Jeff is up for TRES and MEMBERSHIP.. SGT ARMS Quiet Dan accepted. Slo Motion nominated for SAFETY, PR but hoping others will step up. DELEGATE—Snooze and Slo Mo but others can be back up. LEG Snooze. PRODUCTS—open. Next two months more nominations will be open for the June elections

Good of the Order: Leesburg Bikefest will be April 23, Lake is NOT having the campground

Meeting adjourned: 1:12

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