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President's Message

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

This will be a busy month. May is Motorcycle Month and that is our theme for our annual Saturday May 13 at Duggan's Pub 1-5 pm **Okeechobee Blvd. WPB** As this is a new location for us I hope everyone, especially members, shows up. We will probably be there about 11 to setup. We probably won't need many workers as usual but I'm sure Jeff would like some help at sign in. We need some workers at the Safety/

Membership table as will be selling t-shirts. Come, bring your friends and enjoy!

Nest up is our May chapter meeting is our May meeting May 21 at the Eagles WPB. We moved the meeting back an hour, 10 AM, so we can go to Rock n Roll Sunday and setup. Since we are usually done in an hour this gives us time to setup there before noon. We will have election nominations so please consider taking a position. It has been several years since we had a Rock n Roll Sunday. Month ends May 28 with ABATE Southeast Annual Memorial Day Event at Mickey's Noon to 5pm. Always a good time



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ABATE of Florida Inc. Palm Beach Chapter CELEBRATING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

DUGGANS Pub & Grill

4931 Okeechobee Blvd., WPB

Sat. May 13, 2023 1-5 PM

\$3.00 per person / \$5.00 per couple occeeds support our continued legislative efforts in Tallahasee



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<u>UPCOMING Event Schedule</u> All events subject to change

Tuesday Bike Night Buffalo Wild Wings 4587 Okeechobee Blvd West Palm Beach

Wednesday Bike Night Gorilla Motors at Johnny Qs

Thursdays Pirates Well Bike Night 7 pm A1A Lake Park

Saturday nights Fly In Wheels Open House

May 3 to 7 Thunder Beach

Friday May 5 AOA WPB Open House 8pm -?

Thursday May 11 Handlebars Bike Night Tequesta

Friday May 12 Mob of Brothers Open House

Sat. May 13 Palm Beach ABATE May is Motorcycle Month Event Duggan's Pub 1 to 5

Friday May 19 Black Pistons WPB Open House

Saturday May 20 Lake ABATE Can You See Me Now ? Run

3rd Sunday May 21 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. <u>10 AM</u> Eagles Aerie 2800 N. Military #105 West Palm Beach FL (Westchester Plaza south of Community) May 21 Rock n Roll Sunday Chili Cook Off Greenacres Noon to 5

Friday May 26 AOA WPB Open House

Saturday May 28 Southeast ABATE Annual Memorial Day Event Mickeys Noon to 5

Thursday Sept 29 Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

Saturday June 17 2023 Fly-In Wheels Hard Times Party

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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.

The History of the A.B.A.T.E. Patch

In Issue No. 3, October 1971, EASYRIDERS magazine started a non-profit organization just for bikers. It was called N.C.C.A. (National Custom Cycle Association). At the time, dues were \$3 for a one-year membership. One must keep in mind that back in 1971 no other motorcycle magazine except Roger Hall's "Road Rider" was even giving an inch of space to anti-bike legislation. Yet Lou Kimzey saw fit to take on the extra burden of starting a motorcycle rights organization.

It wasn't long until Lou changed the N.C.C.A. to A.B.A.T.E. (A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments). Lou came about the Eagle logo in an old civil war publication. The eagle is one of the largest birds, and a strong flier. It has long been used as a sign of power, courage, and freedom. The American Bald Eagle is not only our logo, but it is the official emblem of the United States. Its'

picture is on the Great Seal of the U.S., the President's flag, some coins and paper money. Our logo, with the 13 star shield, is truly worthy of our cause, and our founders foresight.

There is an A.B.A.T.E. organization in almost every state in the U.S.A. Some states, like Wisconsin, still maintain the original acronym "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments". Ouite some time ago, AZ changed the acronym to "American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education". Our mission is "Educate, Don't Legislate", with our primary focus on protecting motorcyclists rights and freedoms. We also work to get cagers to LOOK OUT for motorcycles, and promote rider safety education. Visit www.abateofaz.org for more information and to become a member.

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MAY IS MOTORCYCLE MONTH

Dan Henderson aka Slo Motion Palm Beach ABATE

It seems this has been a very common subject on the Internet. Why May? For most of the national May is symbolic of Spring and the motorcycle riding season. So for them it is very important to check out your bike's condition and to get yourself in riding mode. Most stress the need for proper and safety gear, helmets and to ride safe and aware. Most also include some tips for drivers to watch for and be aware of motorcycles. This isn't bad but really a weak approach to making the roads safer for motorcycles.

Here in Florida riding is all year long. For us EVERY MONTH needs to motorcycle month. The government has put out a proclamation in several years so we haven't had that to work with local governments to promote it. We do have to option to wear a helmet or not. But with our crazy drivers, especially in urban areas. It is a wise choice to wear one. Sure our biggest problems is with drivers but it does go both ways. When I'm on I-95 I see so many cars AND bikes acting like it is a raceway. Speeding and in and out of traffic, I wonder why there aren't more accidents and deaths. As you can tell by my road name I am NOT as fan of speed. I do wish they would enforce it more.

I'm looking forward to the future in Florida and I hope ABATE of FL Inc. will become a big player again. With new leadership and a good legislative team I think we will. With the Safety Bill passed and great change that DeSantis will sign it, we should have the money that we missed for so long to get more done



NHTSA Report Shows 2021 Motorcycle Fatalities the Highest Since 1975

By Rid er Magazine Staff May 1, 2023

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and with the peak motorcycle riding season kicking off in many parts of the country, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released what the Motorcycle Safety Foundation called a "grim report" showing an increase in motorcycle fatalities in 2021.

According to the <u>NHTSA Motorcycle Safety webpage</u>, 5,932 motorcyclists were killed in 2021. These deaths represent a 7.7% increase over the previous year and 14% of the total traffic fatalities for 2021. It is also the highest number of motorcyclists killed since at least 1975.

Motorcycle and scooter riders, with their smaller profiles, are at great risk of not being seen by drivers, so the MSF is urging all roadway users to "Expect Us, See Us," and actively search for riders and stay focused on the road.

"The NHTSA data may be from 2021, but distraction, speeding, and driving or riding while under the influence continue to be problems today," said Rob Gladden, vice president of training operations for MSF. "However, these are all things we can change."

When it comes to riding impaired, nearly a third (29%) of riders who were killed in 2021 were intoxicated, representing a 19% increase over the previous year. Another surprising number is that over a third (36%) of motorcyclist fatalities were riders without a valid motorcycle license.

In the bigger picture of all traffic- and vehicle-related incidents, crashes caused by distracted driving rose 12% from 2020 to 2021, according to NHTSA, while speeding-related fatalities increased by 7.9%, and alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities rose 14%.

"One of the biggest risks to motorcyclists is drivers who don't see the rider and turn across their paths, even if they are not driving distracted," Gladden said.

As part of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the MSF has offered five tips for motorcycle and scooter riders:

Be visible: Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet. Always have your headlight on, day and night, and avoid riding in the blind spots of cars and trucks. If possible, flash your brake light when slowing and before stopping. But pretend you are invisible: If you assume others can't see you, you will tend to ride in a hyperaware mindset and learn to notice every detail in your surroundings. Constantly search for changing conditions using the Search-Evaluate-Execute (SEE) strategy to assess and respond to hazards before you have to react to an emergency.

Follow the rules of the road: Riding respectfully — and legally — creates a safer environment for everyone. Unexpected maneuvers could startle or confuse others and cause a crash.

Before you ride, look over your bike: Do a pre-ride check, which includes looking over your tires and wheels, checking fluids, cables, your bike's chassis, lights and electronics, and the stands. Use the <u>T-CLOCS inspection</u> checklist to help you.

Because riders are also often drivers of other types of vehicles, the MSF has offered tips for operating other vehicles as well.

"If you are distracted — using your cell phone, eating, or engaged with other passengers — the risks rise exponentially for riders," Gladden said. "If driving, please be vigilant. Actively search for motorcyclists and look twice, especially before changing lanes or turning."

Whether you're a driver of a four-wheeled vehicle or a passenger in one, keep these tips in mind:

Actively look for motorcyclists: While many cars have blind-spot detection and collision-avoidance systems, they are not a fail-safe. Also use your eyes and mirrors to check all around you, and look twice before maneuvering into or around traffic.

Focus on driving: Put down the phone; don't let pets and passengers distract you.

Use your turn signals: Signal your intentions. It can help others know what to expect or even alert them to get out of your way if they are in your blind spot. Give two-wheelers some space: Don't tailgate or get too close next to riders. Give them space to maneuver and adjust to roadway conditions.

Keep it in the vehicle: Don't throw trash or cigarettes out the window. Make sure cargo is secured so it doesn't fall onto the road and become a hazard.

F or additional information, including safety booklets, tips, and other reference guides, as well as details on MSF riding classes, visit the Motorcycle Safety Foundation website.

Related: <u>Before Help Arrives: Being Prepared in the Event of a Motorcycle Accident</u> <u>https://ridermagazine.com/2023/05/01/nhtsa-report-shows-2021-motorcycle-fatalities-the-</u> highest-since-1975/



House

Last Friday Burny Pit Stop Bike Night Jensen Beach

SAT night Fly 'n Wheels Open House

Harley Grill Days events and bikini bike washes 3rd Sunday ABATE Palm Beach meeting 11am Eagles Riders 2800 N. Military #105 West Palm Beach FL (Westchester Plaza)

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7pm to 11pm

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DELEGATE REPORT

John Fishman a new member who went to Tallahassee with us.. We had Snooze, Jeff, John, Cary and I at the State meeting. After we saw that Big Bad Fred, his lady, and Go T Dan were there. That was the largest turnout we ever had. Monday they rode to the Capital and after seeing them take off I took off for home as unable to ride or walk the halls of the Capital.

So here is my Delegate report of the meeting. Before it could start we had to fill two board positions. There was a three man race for VP won by Steve Kliemisch of Lagoon (former Treasure Coast) chapter. Debbie resigned as state Treasurer and Brandi is the new state Treasurer. As State Office Brandi spoke of the ADD Insurance. Be aware if you send the beneficiary card to them they WILL try to sell you insurance. So sent it to our office to give to local chapter to get it in. Be sure they know to contact our office to collect. Be sure to include all paper word—Police report, accident or death certificate with cause, person reporting, copy of State ID—make sure a paperwork has your chapter name. For January Southeast chapter had the most new members, Pol had the largest % or growth. For February Daytona had most new, and the two new chapter highest %.. Safety table was set up at Bikeweek and 150 new members signed up..



Deceased Life members are being moved into a Fallen Members chapter. The State delegates meetings were moved up to 12 noon for future meetings. Next State meeting will be in June, Boneyard is looking into doing it. .

Slo Motion

STATE MEETINGS Host Chapter & Location

2023 State Meetings June 11 Boneyard chapter Aug. 12 Peace River Oct. 14 Lake Dec. 9 Forest.

ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter FBNF 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 John "LB" Valiquette **PAST MEMBERS** Tom "Ramblin' Man" Botticelli David "Shadow" Moore Budd "Strongbow" Aubey Donald Duke "Darkside" Ferel **RT** Robert Watkins

April 2, 2023 Meet Steve Kliemisch

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On April 3rd our chapter attend the 26 annual Ride to the Capital in a big way ! We had a great showing by our chapter members 6 in all we had myself and Jeff joining us we had Cary Schwarz, John Fishman, Fred and go-tee Dan that is the most members we have ever had on the ride ! Was great to see that kind of turn out for this very important event. We staged the bikes behind the hotel in Monticello for the ride to Tallahassee which is about 30 miles from the hotel. When we got there we had our usual ceremony on the capital steps one of which is the bell ringing ceremony for brothers and sisters lost. I was very glad to hear that LB a past VP and life member was included this year.

After all of that we went inside the capital and to our surprise the house of Representatives and the Senate were in session and were there on a Monday for the first time that I know of. They are not usually there on Mondays or Fridays. We were able to talk to some of them and we asked them for thier support. This years ride to the capital was a great success lets all do it next year !!!

Ride Safe Ride SNOOZE





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

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Palm Beach County FL House of Representatives	The two newest chapters have taken on the work with the Florida legislative. Boneyard's Bob Contorno is now the	Palm Beach County FL Senators
- <u>D86</u> John Snyder (R) 850-717-5086 Tallahassee	Legislative Trustee. Rich Newsome created the Central chapter in Orlando. He is using is experience and contacts	<u>D24</u> Bobby Powell (D) 850-487-500 Tallahassee 561-650-6880 WP Bch
772-210-5626 Palm City <u>D87</u> Mike Caruso (R) 850-717-5087 Tallahassee	in the Capital. Together they have been working the Capital for the Safety Money bill. Written to help us get a	D26 Lori Berman (D) 850-487-5031 Tallahassee 561-292-6014 Boynton
561-650-1066 West Palm Beach <u>D88</u> Jervonte Edmonds (D) 850-717-5088 Tallahassee	share it no longer states us by name, we fit all the points to. Our Bill just passed! 114 to 0! It's now on its way to the Governor! Huge congratulations	D30 Tina Scott Polsky (D) 850-487-5029 Tallahassee 561-443-8170 Boca Raton
561-242-5530 West Palm Beach <u>D89</u> David Silvers (D) 850-717-5085 Tallahassee	and thanks to everyone who worked so hard on making this happen!	D31 Gayle Harrell (R) 850-487-5025 Tallahassee 772-221-4019 Stuart
561-352-4824 West Palm Beach	One new law allow you to carry a	
<u>D90</u> Joseph A. Casello (D)	concealed weapon without a	FEDERAL
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State of Florida Constitutional Carry Gun law.

On Monday, April 3rd, in a private ceremony, Gov. Ron DeSan is signed a bill allowing residents of the State of Florida to carry a concealed weapon without a permit. The state will now be added to a list with 26 other states that have similar laws protecing the 2nd Amendment for law-abiding gun owners. This law will go into effect on July 1st, 2023. This law does not change any other laws pertaining to the ownership of a firearm by anyone who, by law, cannot own a firearm. It also does not change if you can carry a firearm in a place that is not allowed by law. Some examples include but are not limited to Schools, Police stailons, Government buildings, Airports (unless a firearm is encased for shipping lawfully), and bars. This law only covered concealed guns; no open carry is allowed in Florida. The State of Florida does not have any type of "3-step law". This is a saying that you need to take 3 steps to use a firearm while in a car. For example, Open the Glove box, remove it from the holster, and load the magazine before using it to defend yourself.

CS/SB 150: CS/SB 150 (flsenate.gov)

NRA Florida info: NRA-ILA | Florida Gun Laws (nraila.org)

Florida Statue Chapter 790: <u>Statutes & Constitutional:View Statutes : Online Sunshine</u> (state.fl.us)

Benefits to conInue to hold your concealed weapon permit through the State of Florida:

- It shows that you are serious about safety, have taken a safety training course, and have met other eligibility requirements. Even if you choose not to get your permit. This would be one of the biggest things. Take courses, and train, train, train as ole as you can with your weapon. Know what you have, how to use it, keep it clean, and safely carry it. This is to save your life and not take or hurt another innocent bystander's life by accident.
- - You Are still able to concealed carry in other states. Sec⊡on 790.015, Florida Statutes, allows Florida to recognize concealed weapon licenses issued by another state, provided the other state will honor Florida concealed weapon licenses. ○

<u>Concealed Weapon License Reciprocity / Concealed Weapon License / Consumer Resources / Home - Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (fdacs.gov)</u>

Alabama (1, 3), Alaska (1,) Arizona (5), Arkansas (1), Colorado (1, 4), Delaware, Georgia (1, 3), Idaho (3,5), Indiana (1, 3, 5), Iowa (5), Kansas (1), Kentucky Louisiana (1), Maine (1, 3, 4,) Michigan (1, 4), Mississippi (1), Missouri (3), Montana (3), Nebraska (1), Nevada (1, 5), New Hampshire (1, 3, 4, 5), New Mexico (1), North Carolina (1), North Dakota (3, 5), Ohio (1), Oklahoma (1), Pennsylvania (1, 4, 5), South Carolina (1, 4, 5), South Dakota (1, 3), Tennessee (1, 3, 5), Texas (1, 3, 5), Utah (1, 5), Vermont (2), Virginia (1, 5), West Virginia (1), Wisconsin (6), Wyoming (1, 3).

- 1. While Florida's law allows licensees to carry stun guns, knives and Billy clubs in a concealed fashion, the laws in these states allow for concealed carry of handguns or pistols only, not weapons in general. Florida license holders are prohibited from carrying other types of weapons while in these states.
- 2. Vermont does not issue weapon/firearm licenses. Florida licensees may carry in Vermont, but a Vermont resident may not carry in Florida without holding a valid Florida concealed weapon license.
- 3. Individuals under 21 years of age qualify for concealed weapon licenses in these states. However, any licensee of these reciprocity states who is not 21 years of age or older is prohibited from carrying a concealed weapon or firearm in Florida.
- 4. These states will honor the Florida concealed weapon license only if the licensee is a resident of the state of Florida.
- 5. These states issue concealed carry licenses to qualified individuals who are non-residents. These non-resident licenses cannot be honored under Florida's reciprocity provision. 6. Wisconsin will honor a Florida license issued or renewed to a non-Florida resident on or after August 1, 2013

Purchase a gun without waiting.

- Without a concealed weapon permit. There is a waiting period of three days, excluding weekends and state holidays, between purchasing and delivering all firearms. Individual counties and cities have the authority to enact local ordinances extending the waiting period to as many as five days.
- You will be able to identify yourself to law enforcement if you have to defend yourself using your weapon. It may help you with this situation and the aftermath of said situation.

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

These ads are free to members so send in items for sale or things you are looking for.

FOR SALE

2008 Peace Offices 100th Ann. New White Wall Tires (HD) New Battery ; New Belt Only 5,000 miles. Excellent Condition \$6,000 Bill "Hamish" Black 561-714-5264

ABATE of FL Inc Palm Beach Chapter Minutes General Meeting - Eagles Aerie WPB April 16, 2023

Called to order: 11 am Start with Pledge Allegiance and a moment of silence and a prayer for brother Scuffy who has been ill.. Members in attendance – 21

<u>President : Dan Henderson</u> - It was nice to see many new members today. I don't see John Fishman a new member who went to Tallahassee with us.. We had Snooze, Jeff, John, Cary and I at the State meeting. After we saw that Big Bad Fred, his lady, and Go T Dan were there. That was the largest turnout we ever had. Monday they rode to the Capital and after seeing them take off I took off for home as unable to ride or walk the halls of the Capital.

So here is my Delegate report of the meeting. Before it could start we had to fill two board positions. There was a three man race for VP won by Steve Kliemisch of Lagoon (former Treasure Coast) chapter. Debbie resigned as state Treasurer and Brandi is the new state Treasurer. As State Office Brandi spoke of the ADD Insurance. Be aware if you send the beneficiary card to them they WILL try to sell you insurance. So sent it to our office to give to local chapter to get it in. Be sure they know to contact our office to collect. Be sure to include all paper word—Police report, accident or death certificate with cause, person reporting, copy of State ID—make sure a paperwork has your chapter name. For January Southeast chapter had the most new members, Pol had the largest % or growth. For February Daytona had most new, and the two new chapter highest %... Safety table was set up at Bikeweek and 150 new members signed up.. Deceased Life members are being moved into a Fallen Members chapter. State delegates meetings were moved up to 12 noon for future meetings. Next State meeting will be in June, Boneyard is looking into doing it. .

<u>Vice President: Snooze</u>- Ride to Capitol was a success. Bell ringing held for lost members ," L.B" was included. Abate seems to be heading in the right direction with new state board members. A lot of Palm Beach members attended the Capitol ride. Possibly 79 members in total attended the ride. Constitutional right to carry law was approved by the senate that week-end. The boneyard chapter has a Facebook https:// www.facebook.com/search/top?q=boneyard%20abate. A member has a podcast on U Tube about what ABATE is and does. The safety money, HB 709, is looking better by the day with several senators approvals.

Secretary: Whistler- There were no additions or corrections to last months minutes. Motion to accept was made and seconded.

<u>**Treasurer: Jeff**</u>- The treasury is doing well, the books balanced, we have money! Debbie made a statement that Jeff has been doing an excellent job as chapter treasurer and I agree.

<u>Sergeant-At-Arms: Dan</u> – Ride safely and wear a state approved helmet. <u>Membership: Jeff-</u> We currently have 140 members. Two new members and one renewal.

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Legislative: Ken/Dan- Bob from Boneyard and Rich Newson having been working on on bill with the legisators and seem to be making progress.

<u>Safety: Dan-</u>Safety table will be set up at events when possible. On May 21 the table will be at Greenacres park for Rock n Roll Sunday. Help needed .**Abate meeting will be moved up to 10 AM go get there and setup.**

Delegate: Dan/Ken- See Presidents and VP reports

Products: – Need products person. Anyone interested please come forward.

New ABATE t-shirts are black with white lettering instead of grey and in larger sizes. They are now on sale.

Newsletter/Website: Dan- Face book will be upgraded in future. Refresh page if having trouble loading the newsletter.

<u>Old business:</u> - Chapter Annual will be on May 13 from 1 to 5 PM at Duggan's pub, Haverhill and Okeechobee Blvd. Help will be needed as well as door prizes. They need not be new but in good condition. If anyone knows of a good band or DJ, not too expensive, let Snooze know.

New business: –Membership fees will be discussed at the next state meeting as State brought up. Annual will be \$30 for renewal or for a new member. Life membership will be discussed at \$ 400. WE need to vot of this for June state meeting

<u>Good of the Order</u>: - A " Celebration of Life" for " L.B " will be held 5/21 , 7:00 PM at the club house and Saturday, 5/22 , 2 PM at the club house. Please try to attend. Motion was made to adjourn TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 12:19 pm



SUPPORT MEMBERS' BUSINESSES



WHY JOIN ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.?

ABATE is a non-profit Motorcycle Rights Organization whose cause is to EDUCATE the government, motorcyclists and the general public on freedom, rights, road safety, and awareness of motorcycles on the road.

REQUIREMENTS—must be at least 18 years of age. In does not matter what you ride or even if you ride. You can be an independent or member of a club or association. All are welcome at meetings. **JOIN FOR THE CAUSE.** Everything is voluntary, we understand work and family comes first. We hope you can help in any small way, vote and spread the word.

BENÈFITS Your money is used to provide a lobbyist to the state and federal government to watch for our rights and freedom. The State *MasterLink* newsletter every 2 months, read it online. The chapter newsletter is available by the start of each moth online at palmbeach.abateflorida.com. There it is in color, with active Internet links and zoomable. Members get free classified ads in our newsletters.

INSURANCE As an active member you have a \$4,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy from American Income Life. We used get a card in the mail from state office to register your beneficiary for ADD insurance, now fill out on membership form. Be sure your family knows about the policy. We have the form online and now included in membership form. We will get it to the ABATE of FL Inc. State office. It does <u>not</u> have to be a motorcycle accident.

Be sure to renew in time so are always covered!

PRIVACY Your email, address and phone are never given out to anyone except State/Chapter executive board.

EMAILINGS you can be added to a mass mailing which you can op to be removed at end of email. Local events are included and sometimes urgent matters may be included. No one will see your email Postings are on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/AbatePalmBeachChapter

PHONE TEXT another way to communicate with members. Your phone number may be added to our text alert system To change or add the chapter email is **palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com** Our website is **palmbeach.abateflorida.com**

Mail: ABÂTE - Palm Beach Chapter, P.O. Box 530944, Lake Park, FL 33403

Another benefit of chapter membership in ABATE of FL Palm Beach is having a free business card in newsletter and free newsletter classified for items to sell or acquire. Support your brothers and sisters when possible, Besides a \$4.000 ADD insurance policy, we are looking into other benefits for members. We are always in need of more paid advertisers so find any business to benefit from our low rates and support our newsletter and chapter.

A.D.D. INSURANCE POLICY UPDATE

We all realize the \$4,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance policy if one of the best benefits of being an ABATE member. That is one reason to keep your membership up to date. Renew early so there is no lapse in coverage. The insurance company no longer sends out the form. You MUST name someone on your membership form to get the money in case of death to prevent taxes and being in probate court. Contact ABATE of FL. main office and

NEW STATE OFFICE: ABATE OF Florida, Inc. PO Box 614, Cantonment Fl, 32533-0614 Phone: (386) 943-9610 Fax: 850-361-1118 Email: <u>flabatestateoffice@gmail.com</u> Get your card at chapter meeting or our table at events.

Keep your membership up to date for the insurance, check with us if any question as many have expired during the last few years. President or membership can chck your status.

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 Debbi 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.

EXPIRES LAST FIRST.

- 2-23 Torres Manuel
- 2-23 DeJesus Eliza
- 4-23 Ciaffi Mike "Scuffy"
- 5-23 Prout Ryan
- 5-23 Potts John
- 5-23 Sarni Greg
- 5-23 Stanborough Stan
- 5-23 Gonzalez Anthony
- 5-23 Schmidt Fredrick
- 5-23 Murray David
- 5-23 Grimaldo Juan
- 5-23 Epps Jessie
- 6-23 Gerekce Ken
- 6-23 Margues Mario
- 6-23 Margues Barbara

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 member membership status.

Palm Beach 1 Year Membership \$22.00



You can now pay for your membership with your credit card. Just use your phone to scan it and it takes you to fill out form with your card information and you will get a

receipt sent to you. NOTE there is a \$2 processing charge so this membership costs \$22 I used it and it works!!

In membership page on our site is a form you can fill in the form online, save it to your computer and email it to us. Print it if paying cash in person

ABATE of Florida, Inc. Membership Application

Last Name:	First Name:	Date of Birth: / /
Address:	City:	_ State:Zip:
Phone:	Email:	Chapter:
	Are you a registered voter: Yes_	No
Voting Dis	tricts 🔰 Fl House: Fl Sena	ate Us Congress Dist. :
Membership Option	Annual New Member \$20.00: _	Lifemembership \$600.00;
Member Transfer to N	ew Chapter:F	From old Chapter:
Change of address:	Home Chapter: Palm Bea	ch Chapter
Signature:		Date:

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL. Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older. All members receive a membership card and voting privileges in their home chapter, Personal involvement in statewide Legislative actions and their freedom to ride. Mail to Po Box 530944 Lake Park, Fl. 33403 Questions: (786) 574- 1344

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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting 3rd Sunday May 21, 2023 11:00 am Eagle Riders Aerie 4219

2800 N. Military #105 West Palm Beach FL (Westchester Square south of Community north Okeechobee) Chapter meetings 3rd Sunday Open to ALL so come learn about us. . Board meeting at 10:30 come earlier for breakfast



GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.