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President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

Well its July already and that means we had our chapter elections last month and there are a few changes to our board of directors. Harold Walters stepped down as our secretary as he no longer resides in Palm Beach county. Ed (Nighthawk) Lattari is now chapter secretary. Dan (Slo motion) Henderson is our Vice President and I am once again our chapter President.

I am glad to see ABATE of Florida Inc. moving ahead in a very positive direction, we even got one of our bills passed, that's right on May 23rd Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law, senate Bill 838 proceeds funding Motorcycle Safety Education. This is a major step in the right direction. What this means is that we will receive the state funding that we lost about 10 years ago. This funding that does not come from taxes but rather comes from all motorcyclists in the state of Florida when they register their motorcycles This will help us educate the public and save motorcyclists lives.

On another note its hot out there remember to keep your self hydrated at all times while riding out there.

If you ride a motorcycle you should be a member of ABATE of Florida because we are fighting for your rights! Also as a member you receive \$4,000.00 accidental death and dismemberment insurance with your membership. So if you want to learn more about us and what you can do to help read the rest of this newsletter and then come to one of our meetings every third Sunday of the month the Eagles Aeries 4219 at 2800 N. Military trail in West Palm Beach.

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UPCOMING Event Schedule All events subject to change

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

Friday July 7 Mob of Brothers Open House

July 8 and July 9 11-4 Palm Beach Harley 120th Anniversary Open House/Bikini bike Wash

Thursday July 13 Handlebars Bike Night Tequesta

Friday July 14 AOA WPB Open House 8pm -?

Saturday July 15 Summer Bash 2023 Brewhouse 720 Park Av Lake Park Fl 2 to 6 pm

3rd Sunday July 16 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 11 am
Eagles Aerie 2800 N. Military #105 West Palm Beach FL
(Westchester Plaza south of Community)

Thursday July 21 Black Pistons WPB Open House

Sunday July 23 ABATE Gator Alley Preservation Run

Thursday July 27 Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

Friday July 28 AOA WPB Open House

Friday Aug. 11 to 13, 12 pm to 11 pm South Florida Tattoo Expo Broward County
Convention Center 1950 Eisenhower Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL,

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.

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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.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Meeting



Hosted by Peace River Chapter

August 12, 2023

Delegates Meeting

12pm to 4pm

No Food Served

Drinks Only

MEETING HALL LOCATION:

Community Life Center, 19048 Edgewater Drive,
Port Charlotte, FL. 33948

CONTACT: Chapter President: "No Gas" Dan Wright (941) 286-2201

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DELEGATE REPORT

Slo Motion

We used to have the Delegates meetings at 2pm so we have lost two hours of Saturday travel since it was changed to noon. So I had Google Mapped it (correctly) to be over four and a half hour ride! So we would have had to leave around 7 or 8 to get there in time. So we decided better to go up on Friday since we were not familiar with the area. No one else was going so Snooze thought better not ride alone, so he caged with me. I picked him up at 11:00 and off we went. We had no problems with my route. I planned a stop at the Harley Davidson in the area, as always when out of PBC I look to pick up the motorcycle magazines I can't find at home. As soon as I pulled into the dealership, I knew I'd been there before but I couldn't remember when or why I was in the area. The road this is on ends on 19. I thought we would go north but the address on the flyer had us go south. So we drove about 41 miles until the GPS told us we were at our destination. We were in the middle of an overpass, no hotel in sight. We drove around without any luck, even asked for direction when needed gas. That had us go north a bit more. Then I got my second flashback. I saw an entrance to La Quinta by a Quaker State Lube famous for bike nights. Across the street was a Harley Davidson. Think I was there for a St. Pete Bikefest. But now they have added an OCC Roadhouse and Museum. It would have been nice to visit that. So we decided to continue going north. Inputting the same street address but just Port Richey (which I think I did on my first Google Map search). So passing where we had made that south turn heading north we found the hotel. Of course as we checked in I had to ask to be sure this was the one where we were meeting. By this time it was 7 pm so glad we took all Friday to get over. So after all that sitting in car we walked back a couple of blocks to a local pizza place. We stretched out legs, got the blood flowing, filled our stomachs, and were ready for bed after a long day.

It was nice that the meeting was in the hotel, we didn't have to drive anywhere. Had enough of that yesterday. Snooze warned me the breakfast was bad, so I hung out in the lobby with a coffee and Danish. The late night pizza had me full. This was the social hour talking with chapters as they came and went or just hung around for the meeting to start. It was a half hour late start. One of Newsome's law associates did a presentation on SB838, it was good as explained how it got into the final form. They did not want one group to control it all so the Motorcycle Safety Board, MSB, was created for three organizations. ABATE of FL Inc. having the most experience would lead. We would have three seats, the others having two each. It appears the other two groups are the American Legion Riders and LAMA. We saw a list of others. To me, AMA and NCMR might be better as they do similar things as us but on a National level and that might not work. These groups must work together and fulfill all the paperwork or lose the chance to have the money. The first report deadline was July 1st but we haven't heard anything.

Griz had some good news, three news chapters have submitted, They are: Emerald Coast in Ft. Walton, Bay in Panama Beach, and Safe Harbor in Jacksonville. They were accepted by the delegation. So that brings us up to twenty chapters. The chapter page on the

state website is so out of date, it doesn't have Boneyard and Central but has Lighthouse. The treasurer is looking into changing banks if problems continue.



Gun tickets were given out for this year's fundraiser. Thanks to Fred and Frank for each buying a book each. We still have four books so if you want to help ABATE by selling some or just for yourself, come to the next chapter meeting

Some of the old money was used for products. We were given new pens with ABATE and new ABATE wristbands We should have window clings at next meeting,

Membership rewards. For March most new members and highest % of growth was the new Central chapter. Their 150 also got them a special reward. Polk had the most new members for April, and the highest percentage of growth was Lagoon, the renamed Treasure Coast.

The Safety trustee spoke of the MSAP program and trying to get it rolling again. This would be good for the MSB program. I know I did the training. At our chapter meeting I found we had more that did some: Bill Black, his wife Charlie, Ed Nighthawk Lattari, and Ken Snooze Gerecke who isn't sure if he completed it.

Our former legal counsel Jerry T stepped down. Rich Newsome was voted to accept the position. NCOM has asked Griz to represent ABATE of FL on the board. We voted that is was a good idea if it didn't cost us any money. This made me think about Doc but I finally found he is no longer Chairman. ABATE of FL Inc. can join MRF for \$100, voted was good idea even chapters can join on their own.

Under Old business the membership rate changes were official , \$30 year and \$300 life. As a chapter we were in favor of this already but we will look at it again for delegates to vote. With new business we accepted the three new chapters, and to join the MRF. Everyone was in favor of bringing back the leadership, mostly in person not by zoom. One great idea was to do a couple at/after State meetings. Some by law changes were discussed by Forest.

After the meeting we were all invited to the Goodfellows MC . There were a few hanging by the pool, but it seemed many were getting on the road home. Snooze and I decided to check out the area and some bars. The Stanley Cup final game four of Panthers and Knights was on that night but I couldn't get that channel in my room. So we found a comfortable bar and by the time we finished our bucket of beer it was getting close to the game.

I had seen a Hooters on the map and figured we could eat and watch the game. So photos from there on next page. We saw a great sunset on the waterfront. Our birthday waitress Haley (cover) was sweet. I asked for the game to be on a tv closer to us and it was on all of them! So we both enjoyed our sandwiches and key lime pie. The Panthers started a comeback but the place was closing so back to hotel to sleep for the drive home.

STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter & Location

2023 State Meetings

Aug. 12 Peace River

Oct. 14 Lake

Dec. 9 Forest .

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Tues

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)

Last Thurs Underground Cycles Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

1st Fri Mob of Brothers WPB Open House

2nd Fri Ink Link bight night

2nd Fri AOA WPB Open house

3rd Fri Black Pistons Open House

4th Fri AOA WPB Open House

Last Friday Burny Pit Stop Bike Night Jensen Beach

SAT night Fly 'n Wheels Open House

SAT and Sunday Palm Bch Harley Grill Days events and bikini bike washes

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usually about a hour

2023

- 3rd Sunday July 16
- 3rd Sunday Aug. 20
- 3rd Sunday Sept 17
- 3rd Sunday Oct 15
- 3rd Sunday Nov19
- 3rd Sunday Dec 17

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August 2023

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By, Bob "OG" Contorno June,
2023

I have covered a lot of ground here. I will not be attending the state meeting on June 10th. my chapter will be there. I had an unexpected death in my immediate family and I will be out of town.

We all need to figure out how the three groups are planning to work together on and how it will be enforced going forward. This is a five year commitment and millions of tax payer dollars. Also, LAMA and the LEGION RIDERS, from what I know and could find, don't have the Grassroots or Safely Programs in place. Hopefully, ABATE can lead and also guide them in establishing what's needed and required to make this all work.

I became involved in ABATE and spent a lot of money and time to make a difference. I plan on continuing this effort and, over time make ABATE the voice of all motorcyclist in Florida. We can and will make an impact if we proceed

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with this Safely Program or not, I just want to make sure we are not setting ourselves up for failure.

I am however confident that between our leadership and the Board, together with all the members, we will consider every issue and option. With that said, we are now recognized and respected in Tallahassee and I want to use our footing to do more good things in the future. Some of what I am talking about is in this news letter. Only because I can't attend in person. Please take the time to read this, think about it, form your questions and opinions and discuss it, for whatever time it takes to make sure you, the members of ABATE are clear on what we are doing and how.

I have participated and will continue to do all I can for ABATE. I know everyone has the same interest in their hearts, what's best for the organization and the motorcycle community at large. Nothing would please me more than to have it all set up in a democratic voting fashion, with safeguards in place. Let's all make this work and let's try to hold the "Ace in the Hole" so we can make sure no one derails this if we proceed. It was too much work and we now have the position to grow and make a difference, with or without this state funding. ABATE will continue to grow and become a model for all of the other states. Take a look at ABATE of INDIANA, its great and doing so much. I have reached out to the President of Ohio, as years ago I was the Co-owner of Liberty Harley Davidson. We held ABATE Meetings at our dealership and always supported ABATE. That is one of the reasons I chose ABATE to become involved in. The President was very receptive and is interested in my long range goals. One is setting up a national board for ABATE. This would have 2 or 3 delegates from every state, it would have meetings 1 or 2 times a year and coordinate efforts and help each other (on a state level) to grow and have a voice in Washington. Yes, our capital of the United States of America, not just Florida or state by state. Let's dream big, we can do it working together !

OUT SIDE ABATE - BUT IMPORTANT STUFF TO TALK ABOUT

SEMA has always been active in the racing industry, promoting and defending our rights. Sometimes this carries over into the general public and motorcycle arenas. This information was provided to me as a member of SEMA and a member of the SEMA Racing Awareness Rules, advisory and support team.

Opposing EPA Standards We, ABATE need to join this effort with SEMA SEMA President and CEO Mike Spagnola testified before the EPA in opposition to the agency's recently proposed new federal emissions standards for motor vehicles model years '27-'32, which are intended to dramatically increase sales of EVs. Watch his testimony here. He was joined by SEMA members Kim Pendergast (Magnuson Superchargers), Rob Simons (Automotive Consulting Services), Billy Brooks (Cobb Tuning), Dan Millen (Livernois Motorsports), Mike Copeland (Arrington Performance), and Laurel Moorhead (Transfer Flow) to speak about the importance of the EPA

maintaining a technology-neutral approach to motor-vehicle technology. Watch their testimonies here.

As we all know, our exhaust is an issue. It has caused some of us to be pulled over, we have received tickets and I am sure someones bike was impounded (however, probably not just for the pipes, LOL). In any event, it is nice to know other organizations are standing in defense of our rights. We need to join their efforts. I have reached out in preliminary conversations to find out what we can do or add and also how they can help us. They were receptive to talking more on the subject. We will see how it goes.

Florida - Mufflers - Noise and US Florida Statutes

§ 316.272. Exhaust systems, prevention of noise

- (1) Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped with an exhaust system in good working order and in constant operation, including muffler, manifold pipe, and tail-piping to prevent excessive or unusual noise. In no event shall an exhaust system allow noise at a level which exceeds a maximum decibel level to be established by regulation of the Department of Environmental Protection as provided in s. 403.061(11) in cooperation with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. No person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass or similar device upon a vehicle on a highway.
- (2) The engine and power mechanism of every motor vehicle shall be so equipped and adjusted as to prevent the escape of excessive fumes or smoke.
- (3) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a non-moving violation as provided in chapter 318.

On to another one, Repairs - Next Electric power only, WOW !

§ 316.293 Motor Vehicle Noise (Florida)

- (2) Operating noise limits.-- No person shall operate or be permitted to operate a vehicle at any time or under any condition of roadway grade, load, acceleration, or deceleration in such a manner as to generate a sound level in excess of the following limit for the category of motor vehicle and applicable speed limit at a distance of 50 feet from the center of the lane of travel under measurement procedures established under subsection (3).
 - (a) For motorcycles other than motor-driven cycles: Before January 1, 1979 – Speed Limit 35 mph or less: 82 dBA. Speed Limit over 35 mph: 86 dBA. On or after January 1, 1979 – Speed Limit 35 mph or less: 78 dBA. Speed Limit over 35 mph: 82 dBA.
 - (b) For any motor vehicle with a GVWR or GCWR of 10,000 pounds or more: On or after January 1, 1979 – Speed Limit 35 mph or less: 86 dBA. Speed Limit over 35 mph: 90 dBA.
 - (c) For motor-driven cycles and any other motor vehicle not included in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b): Before January 1, 1979 – Speed Limit 35 mph or less: 76 dBA.

Speed Limit over 35 mph: 82 dBA. On or after January 1, 1979 – Speed Limit 35 mph or less: 72 dBA.

Speed Limit over 35 mph: 79 mph.

(3) Measurement procedures. --The measurement procedures for determining compliance with this section shall be established by regulation of the Department of Environmental Protection as provided in s. 403.415(9), in cooperation with the department. Such regulations shall include the selection of measurement sites and measurement procedures and shall take into consideration accepted scientific and professional methods for the measurement of vehicular sound levels. The measurement procedures may include adjustment factors to be applied to the noise limit for measurement distances of other than 50 feet from the center of the lane of travel.

(4) Applicability. --This section applies to the total noise from a vehicle and shall not be construed as limiting or precluding the enforcement of any other provisions of this chapter relating to motor vehicle mufflers for noise control.

(5) Noise abatement equipment modifications. –

(a) No person shall modify the exhaust system of a motor vehicle or any other noise-abatement device of a motor vehicle operated or to be operated upon the highways of this state in such a manner that the noise emitted by the motor vehicle is above that emitted by the vehicle as originally manufactured.

(b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the highways of the state with an exhaust system or noise-abatement device so modified.

(6) Exempt vehicles. --The following are exempt from the operation of this act:

(a) Emergency vehicles operating as specified in s. 316.072(5)(a).

(b) Any motor vehicle engaged in a professional or amateur sanctioned, competitive sports event for which admission or entry fee is charged, or practice or time trials for such event.

(c) Any motor vehicle engaged in a manufacturer's engineering, design, or equipment test.

(d) Construction or agricultural equipment either on a job site or traveling on the highways.

(7) Violations.--A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

Again, SEMA seems to have found an issue that also affect the motorcycle industry and all of us. Some manufactures were demanding OEM parts and claiming that service for warrantee work "MUST BE DONE BY AN AUTHORIZED DEALER". Well let me tell you, this is NOT TRUE. I have the same repair license at Let's Ride as any Harley Davidson dealer in Florida has. Also, under the Fair Trade Act and other applicable laws and rules, they cannot restrict trade in this way. More important, most (if not all) insurance companies have developed a system where "LKQ" (Like Kind and Quality) is acceptable. After the COVFID-19 issues for supply and demand happened, it ex-

panded to LKQ and also best available for most insurance work. However, if you deviated to Best Available, you had to offer an explanation on your invoice. Further it has to be disclosed to the customer, per the bulletins we received as a licensed repair facility (State of Florida).

Right to Repair: The Federal Repair Act Policy Position

New barriers to working on your own vehicle, independent automotive repair, and manufacturing replacement parts are emerging as vehicle technology evolves. As automotive technology continues to evolve, independent repair shops, aftermarket businesses, and automotive enthusiasts must have access to the tools and information necessary to repair and service motor vehicles.

SEMA supports H.R. 906, the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act," a bipartisan bill that protects consumers' rights to decide where and with what parts they can use to repair and maintain their vehicles. The bill provides independent repair shops and aftermarket businesses that produce OEM comparable parts the right to access critical information, tools, and equipment needed to maintain and repair at a fair and reasonable cost.

Below are key provisions of the REPAIR Act:

Prohibits manufacturers from imposing technological or legal barriers that block aftermarket replacement part manufacturers from accessing critical information and tools necessary to develop interoperable products with emerging vehicle technology.

Establishes the right for replacement part manufacturers and independent repair shops to access critical information, tools, and equipment needed to maintain vehicles.

Requires companies producing vehicles equipped with telematics to make any critical repair information and tools available to replacement part manufacturers and repair facilities at a fair and reasonable cost.

Provides vehicle owners with data and information wirelessly generated by their vehicles.

Establishes a right for vehicle owners to securely share their vehicle's repair and maintenance data with their repairer of choice.

Passing the REPAIR Act is a key legislative priority for SEMA in 2023. It is essential to protect our rights to repair the vehicles we own.

SEMA is also committed to protecting the right to modify vehicles by prohibiting automakers from locking down ECUs and ensuring aftermarket companies have access to the information needed to recalibrate vehicles with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems after they have been modified. There is more work to be done on behalf of the aftermarket industry - stay tuned for more information on this front.

Bikes for sale

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SLO MOTION SELLING SMILEY

Since my body hasn't really healed enough to ride again, I'm thinking it is time for Smiley to get back on the road again. Smiley is my 2003 100th anniversary Harley Dyna Low rider. I've done a lot of custom work to it and still have the OEM parts to go with it. This includes changing to a Mustang eat, replace pipes, dechroming many parts, and moving the back lights so a saddlebag can be used. It has a backrest rack. Mileage is not know as been outside mostly the milage gauge can not be read. I believe the bike has between 90 and 100,000 miles. Hate to have to sell it but

Asking \$3000 or best offer
Dan Henderson
561-702-9929



ABATE of FL Inc Palm Beach Chapter

General Meeting - Eagles Aerie WPB June 21, 2023

Called to order: 11:08 am Start with Pledge Allegiance and a moment of prayer

Members 15 Guests 0

President Slo Motion: Nighthawk was approved as post temp secretary. Happy Father's day to all fathers. Chapter needs people to help out. There are 3 new chapters. Emerald coast, Panama beach and Jacksonville. Several groups will receive money from the new state motorcycle safety fund.

We received products from State, pens and wristbands. More products coming.

Vice President Snooze: Things are moving forward. We have a new State legal counsel. A lot of good things happening.

Secretary Nighthawk : Last month's meeting minutes were accepted

Treasurer Jeff: excused

Membership Jeff: excused



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Sergeant at arms Quiet Dan: excused.

Legislative Slo Mo: We have a new State VP Steve from Lagoon chapter. Handled a few things that needed to be done with State. Gun tickets are available.

Safety Slo Mo: We need to look into the MSAP again. Would like to see it in schools.

PB/ Newsletter Slo Mo: No report

Products: Open

Delegate Slo Mo/Snooze: Covered earlier. Full report by Slo MO page 7

Old Business Slo Mo: Membership rate changes still up in the air.

New Business: Looking for chapters to have State Delegate meeting. Discussed possibly doing one. State talked about bringing back leadership seminars. State looking to join MRF with chapters approval. Chapter agreed it was a good idea. Elections were held. Snooze is President. Slo Mo as VP. Secretary is Nighthawk. Treasurer Is Jeff. Membership is Jeff. Sergeant at arms is Quiet Dan. Delegates are Snooze and Slo Mo. Legislative is Slo Mo. Products still open. PR/ Web/ Newsletter is Slo Mo.

Good of the Order: Happy Father's Day! Slo Mo has got Smiley (his bike) for sale. New chapter logo cups are available.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm



ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter

GBNF

Ed "Gunner" Bassett
Frank "Pipes" Cook
Robert "Torch" Lyle

Niurka Crespo
Phil Moore

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Bill Klawsnik

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JOIN FOR THE CAUSE. Everything is voluntary, we understand work and family comes first.

We hope you can help in any small way, vote and spread the word.

BENEFITS Your money is used to provide a lobbyist to the state and federal government to watch for our rights and freedom. The State *MasterLink* newsletter every 2 months, 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 not have to be a motorcycle accident.

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Another benefit of chapter membership in ABATE of FL Palm Beach is having a free business card in newsletter and free newsletter classified for items to sell or acquire. Support your brothers and sisters when possible, Besides a \$4,000 ADD insurance policy, 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

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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 .

4-23 Ciaffi Mike "Scuffy"
 5-23 Prout Ryan
 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 Gonzalez Anthony
 6-23 Marfues Mario & Barbara
 7-23 Gillette Ronald
 7-23 Dosdourian Sister Sue
 7-23 Brew Christopher
 7-23 Zimmer Mike
 7-23 Richards Dana

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.

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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting
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. 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.