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**3rd Sunday
August 18**

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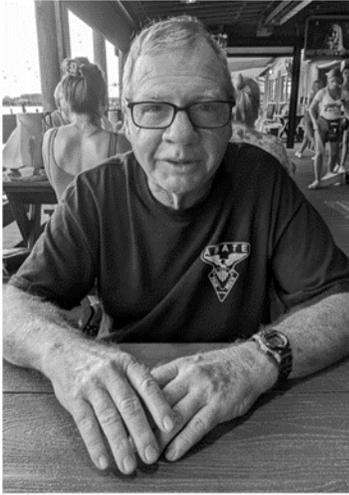
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President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

In June we held our chapter elections. We now have a new vice president congratulations to Debbie Hamby also some changes to our chapter trustees! So make sure you attend our next meeting on Sunday August 18th.

ABATE of Florida held its first leadership seminars in over 4 years in Vero Beach and was a big success, very well done, and very well attended. These seminars are for those interested in taking on new positions within the chapter and is a great way to find out just what is expected of you when you accept a chapter position.

Last month I told you about our vulnerable road users bill that passed and was put into law on July 1st 2024. Now I will tell you what that law entails. If you cause serious injury to a motorcyclist or other (VRU) the penalty is no less than a \$1,500 fine, you must take a driver improvement course, and your license revoked at least three months. Fatal injury carries no less than a \$5,000.00 fine, you must take a driver improvement course, and your license revoked one year. This is a huge step in the right direction for us here in Florida.

Our membership has been slowly increasing lately but like everything else it could be better! We still need everyone to join us. We offer at no extra charge a \$4,000.00 accidental death and dismemberment (ADD) insurance policy!! So what are ya waiting for? Join today and help us fight for your motorcyclist rights, safety, and awareness!!! If you ride a motorcycle in Florida you should be a member after all it is you who we are fighting for !

Ride Safe. Ride Smart!!

SNOOZE

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

You are encouraged to submit letters about ABATE related to events, articles, photographs, commentaries, etc. Please do not submit slanderous nor accusing letters, profanity nor nudity.

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Send your input to pbabatenews@gmail.com by the 25th of the month



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UPCOMING Event Schedule All events subject to change

Thursdays Pirate Well Bike Night 7pm A1A Lake Park

Saturday nights Fly In Wheels Open House

August 17: Fly-In Wheels West Palm Beach

**3rd Sunday August 18th Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL, INC.
11am Eagles Aerie 2800 N. Military Suite #105 West Palm Beach, FL
(Westchester Plaza south of Community)**

Saturday August 10, 2024 ABATE of Florida State meeting Lake County

Sunday September 15, 2024 Palm Beach ABATE chapter meeting

Sunday October 12, 2024 ABATE of Florida State meeting Gulf Coast Pensacola



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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 reenforce 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.

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

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Palm Beach County

FL House of Representatives

D86 John Snyder (R)
850-717-5086 Tallahassee
772-210-5626 Palm City

D87 Mike Caruso (R)
850-717-5087 Tallahassee
561-650-1066 West Palm Beach

D88 Jervonte Edmonds (D)
850-717-5088 Tallahassee
561-242-5530 West Palm Beach

D89 David Silvers (D)
850-717-5085 Tallahassee
561-352-4824 West Palm Beach

D90 Joseph A. Casello (D)
850-717-5090 Tallahassee
561-292-6015 Boynton Bch

D91 Peggy Gossett-Seidman (R)
850-717-5091 Tallahassee
561-750-2396 Boca Raton

D92 Kelly Skidmore (D)
850-717-5092 Tallahassee
561-496-5940 Delray Beach

D93 Katherine Waldon (D)
850-717-5093 Tallahassee
Wellington

D94 Rich Roth (R)
850-717-5085 Tallahassee
561-625-5176 Palm Bch Garden



Florida State Primary is August 20th. Get involved and listen to those who are running for offices.

Here are some important dates:

- * Deadline to send vote-by-mail ballots to UOCAVA voters: July 6, 2024
- * Deadline to send vote-by-mail ballots to domestic voters: July 11 – 18, 2024
- * Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation: July 22, 2024
- * Deadline to request that ballot be mailed: August 8, 2024
- * Early voting period (mandatory period): August 10 – 17, 2024
- * Election Day: August 20, 2024

Palm Beach County

FL Senators

D24 Bobby Powell (D)
850-487-500 Tallahassee
561-650-6880 WP Bch

D26 Lori Berman (D)
850-487-5031 Tallahassee
561-292-6014 Boynton

D30 Tina Scott Polsky (D)
850-487-5029 Tallahassee
561-443-8170 Boca Raton

D31 Gayle Harrell (R)
850-487-5025 Tallahassee
772-221-4019 Stuart

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U.S. FL Senators

Marco Rubio (R)

Rick Scott (R)

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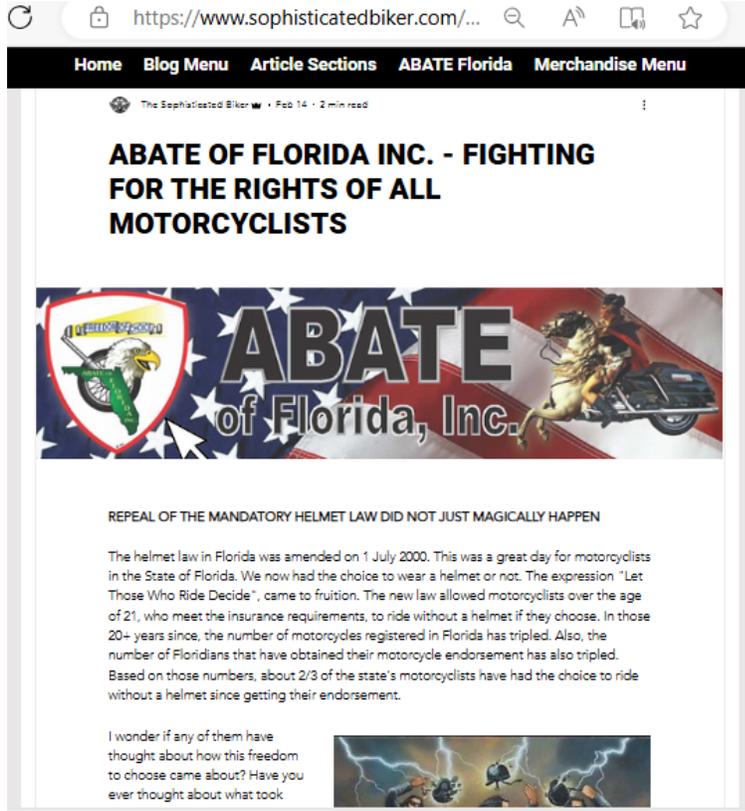
District 18
Brian Mast (R)

District 20
Sheila Cherilus-McCormick (D)

District 21
Lois Frankel (D)

District 22
Vacant

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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

Mike Scruffy

Tom "Ramblin' Man"
Botticelli

David "Shadow" Moore

Budd "Strongbow" Aubey

Donald Duke "Darkside"
Ferel

RT Robert Watkins

RIDE IN PEACE

WEEKLY EVENTS

1st Fri Black Pistons Open House

2nd Fri Outlaws Open House

3rd Fri Black Pistons Open House

4th Fri Outlaws Open House

3rd Sunday ABATE Palm Beach meeting Eagles Riders

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3rd Sunday Jan 21

3rd Sunday Feb 18

3rd Sunday Mar 17

3rd Sunday Apr 21

3rd Sunday May 19

3rd Sunday Jun 16

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3rd Sunday Sep 15

3rd Sunday Oct 20

3rd Sunday Nov 17

3rd Sunday Dec 15

2025

3rd Sunday Jan 19

3rd Sunday Feb 16

3rd Sunday Mar 16

3rd Sunday Apr 20

3rd Sunday May 18

3rd Sunday Jun 15

ABATE of FL Inc Palm Beach Chapter

General Meeting—Eagles Aerie WPB July 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 11:00a m

PRESIDENT: Ken “Snooze” Gerecke - . Ken opened the meeting with the pledge and a moment of silence. There were 16 people in attendance. We went to the Abate training seminar on the 20th. It was well attended. We had six members in attendance. This is recommended to anyone wanting to become more involved with our chapter.

VICE PRESIDENT: Debbie — The training seminar was very informative. I believe we all were able to take something away that will be helpful to our chapter

SECRETARY: Fred—Fred was absent. A motion and a second to accept last month’s minutes

TREASURER: Jeff— A motion and a second to accept the Treasure report.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Dan—Wear a helmet and stay hydrated.

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff—As of May we have 140 members. I have two new members and 6 renewals.

COMMUNICATIONS: Many thanks to Lori for getting our July newsletter to the printer. We are still working on getting access to our website.

LEGISLATIVE: Ken “Snooze” Gerecke - We will be updating next month .

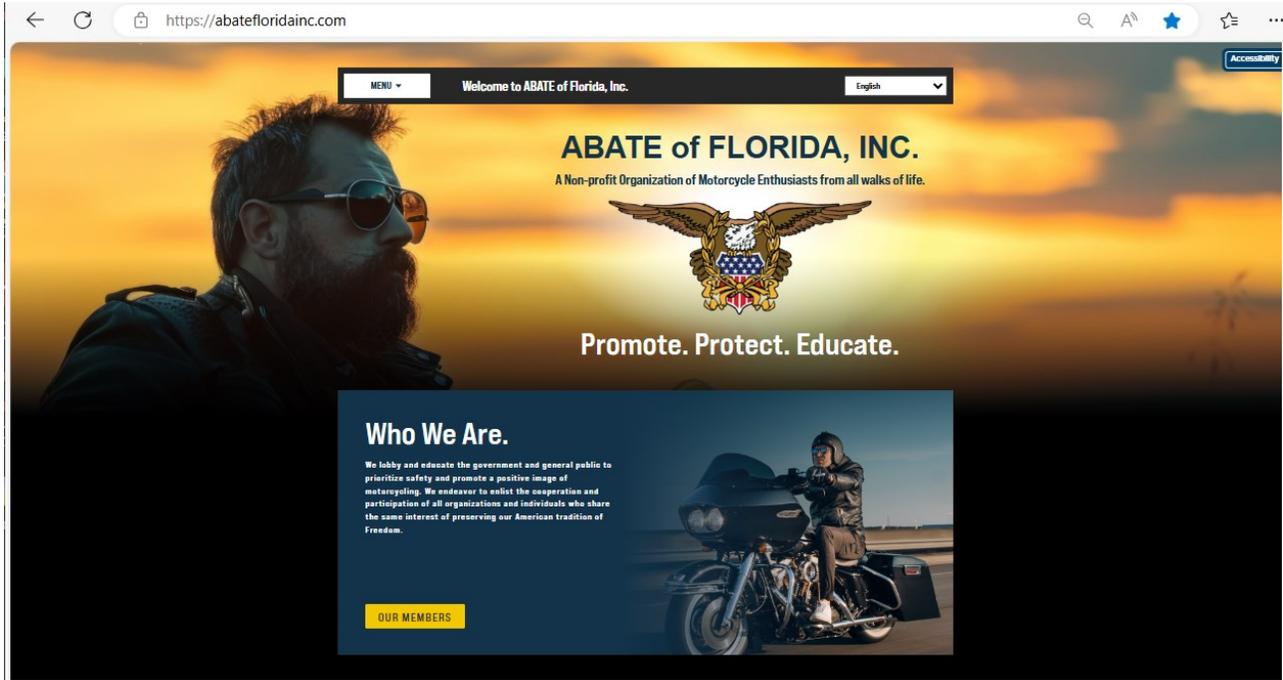
OLD BUSINESS: Frank Manfredonia is our newest Delegate

NEW BUSINESS: The State Abate meeting is being held August 10th. If anyone is interested in going, the information is on Abate of Florida's website. The new website is up and running. It was suggested we consider planning our December event.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) would like our support. They lobby on the national level as we do on the State level. Check out their website (<http://mrf.org>). Membership includes \$4000.00 ADD insurance.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 11:57 am

THE NEW ABATE STATE WEBSITE IS UP



Check out the new ABATE State website. Get MASTERLINK, the state newsletter, and find out what’s going on at the state level. Follow the link to Resources to find just about anything you want to know about ABATE Florida including State meeting minutes all the way back to 2012 if you’re interested. There are also links to FL state laws for everything from footrests, handholds and handlebars to mirrors, reflectors, and noise. Find out more about the ABATE Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program (MSAP). You can find events hosted by other chapters on the Events Calendar. For those who are looking for ABATE logoed items there is a link to Shop.

DELEGATE REPORT

The Boneyard chapter hosted our June state ABATE meeting. It was at The Elks club in Port Richie. It was a well attended meeting. Boneyard also sponsored an evening of music and a huge raffle.

Elections were held for membership and legislative. Tara will remain in charge of membership. Our new legislative representative will be Martha from the Gulf Coast chapter . All other officers will remain unchanged.

Clutch from MRF informed us of a meeting of the minds. Held September 25 in St Louis. Addressing anti profiling laws and the right to repair.

ABATE of Florida has Continental Strategies as our lobbyist again next year. Quest is handling our safety program in conjunction with L.A.M.A. and The American Legion Riders.

Billy Bird has written a couple of articles for The Sophisticated Biker. It is available on line at their website sophistacatedbiker.com

Coming up in July is our leadership seminar for anyone interested in getting more involved with our local chapter. Anyone interested can contact any of the board members.

Our next state meeting will be August 10th in Leesburg. For anyone interested the hotel information will be posted on the state web site.

STATE MEETINGS

Board Meetings start at
10am

General Meetings start at
12pm

Host Chapter
& Location

2024 State Meetings

Apr 13, 2024 Lagoon
(Treasure Coast)

Jun 8, 2024 Boneyard
Pasco County

Jul 20, 2024 Lagoon
(Treasure Coast)

Aug 10, 2024 Lake
County

Oct. 12, 2024 Gulf Coast
Pensacola

Dec. 14, 2024
Central Orlando

August 2024

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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Rack and Balls Bike Night | 16 Black Pistons Open House | 17 45th Annual Fly- In Wheels |
| 18 PB ABATE 11 AM Chapter Meeting Eagle WPB | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Outlaws Open House | 24 |
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September 2024

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REQUIREMENTS—must be at least 18 years of age. It 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.

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 month 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 to 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.

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 opt 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

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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 is 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 check your status.

RENEWAL REMINDERS

Your membership allows us to be active in shaping legislation that effects our safety and rights as motorcycle riders. Your membership includes ADD insurance that will expire if your membership expires. Please check the list below to ensure your membership stays current and your insurance coverage stays active.

Membership expires on the last day of the month

Welcome New Members!

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Glenn Beckers | 7/31/2025 |
| Raymond Egan | 7/31/2025 |
| Tony Ferri | 7/31/2025 |

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Expiring Memberships

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Anthony Gonzalez | 7/31/2024 |
| Joe Simon | 7/31/2024 |
| Frank Manfredonia | 8/31/2024 |

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

Expired Memberships

| | |
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| Millard Porter | 4/30/2024 |
| Ronda (Jo) Porter | 4/30/2024 |
| Daryl Stanborough | 5/31/2024 |
| Dave Murray | 5/31/2024 |
| Dan (Slomo) Henderson | 5/31/2024 |
| Bob Leupp | 6/30/2024 |

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Change of address: _____ Home Chapter: Palm Beach Chapter

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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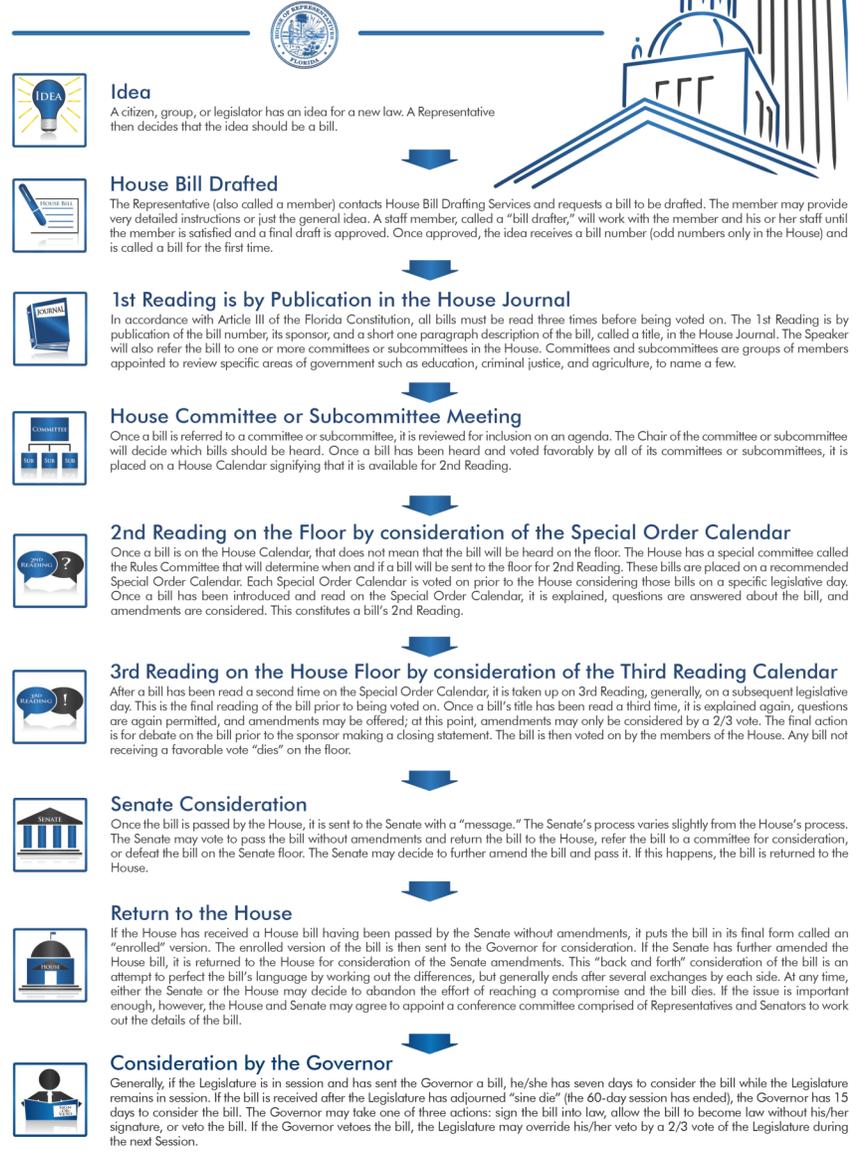
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At our July meeting I promised to show you how to navigate the websites for the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. I included a very simplified version of how a bill becomes law for you so that when you are searching you have a quick reference for where the bill is in the process.

This month I provided the website addresses and a snapshot of the home page. I am working on instruction on how to find bills you might be interested in and get updates as they move through the process.

Florida House of Representatives

HOW AN IDEA BECOMES A LAW

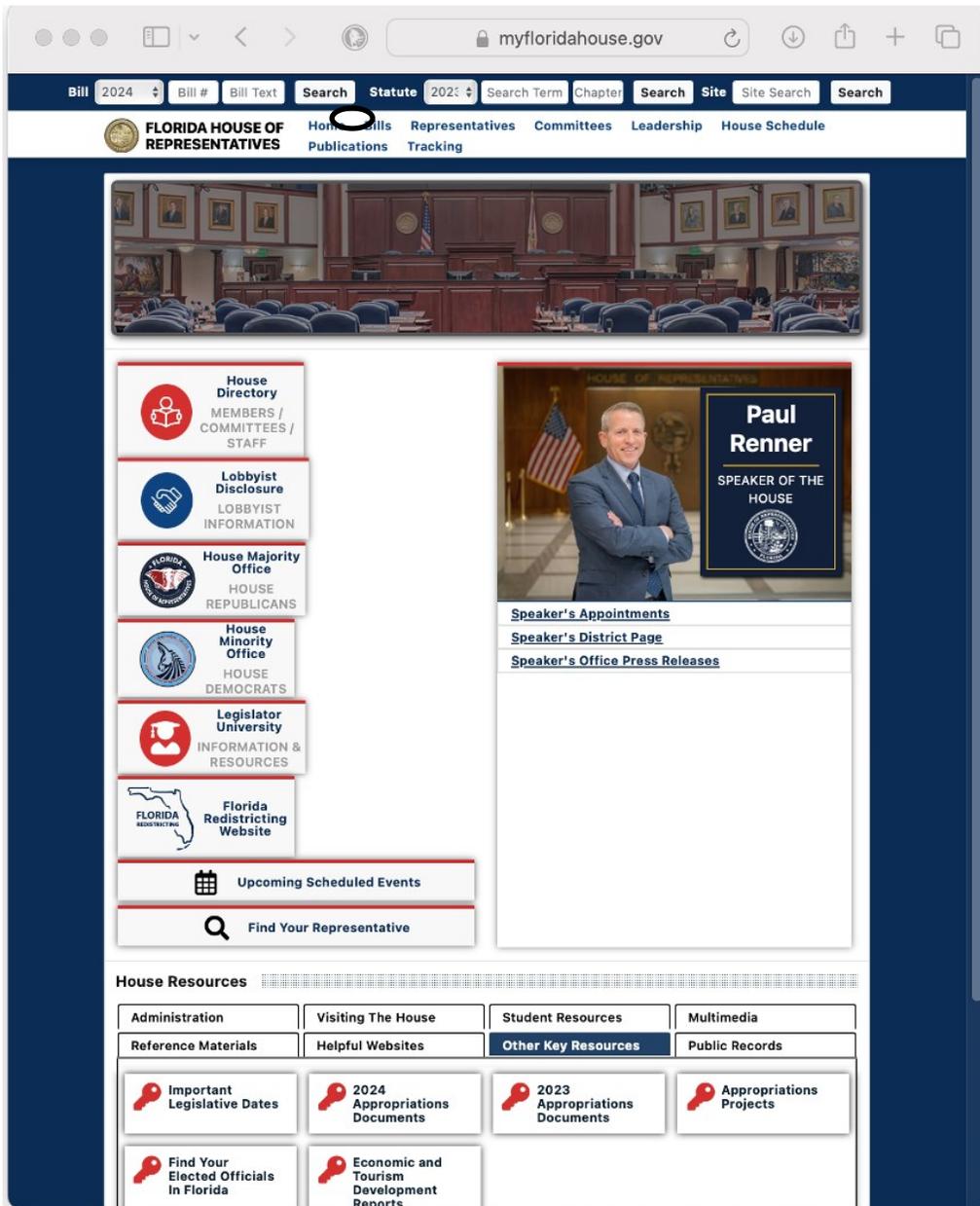


KEY POINT...
At any point of consideration, the bill may "die" for that legislative session, which means it will no longer be considered.



www.myfloridahouse.gov

You can find just about anything you want to know about what’s going on in the Florida State House of Representatives on this site. Sign up and follow legislation in the Florida State House of Representatives or Senate or both. One of the key functions on the site is the ability to find and follow bills through the entire process. Start by clicking Bills at the top of the page.



www.flsenate.gov

You can find bills in the Senate or the House or both on this site too. Similar to the House search you have to register. To get to the search for bills click on Tracker tab at the far right.

The screenshot shows the Florida Senate website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for "MyFloridaHouse.gov | Mobile Site" and "Senate Tracker: Sign Up | Login". Below this is a search bar with fields for "Go to Bill: Bill #", "Find Statutes: 2024", "Search Term", "Chapter", and "Find", along with a "Search Site" button. The main navigation menu includes "Home", "Senators", "Committees", "Session", "Laws", "Media", "About", "Offices", "Reference", and "Tracker".

The central content area features a date selector for "Monday, July 29, 2024" and tabs for "Calendar", "Filed Today", and "Bill Actions". A message states "No events scheduled for this day." Below this is a "Recent Posts" section with a list of news items, each accompanied by a small thumbnail image and a brief description, including "Senate District 40 June Newsletter - Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez", "Senator Lauren Book Responds to Governor DeSantis Designating A1A as Jimmy Buffett Memorial Highway", and "Senator Stewart Disappointed by Veto of Bill to Assist Non-Violent Offenders".

A "Spotlights" section is visible, featuring a group photo and the headline "Florida Stands with Israel". The text below the photo states: "Florida will not tolerate anti-Semitism or hatred of any kind and has the toughest possible sanctions against Iran and other regimes that support terrorism." A "Learn More" button is located at the bottom of this section.

On the right side, there is a profile for "Kathleen Passidomo", identified as "PRESIDENT" of "District 28". Below her name are links for "District 28", "Media & Press Releases", and "Legislative Appointments". Further down are "Calendar Links" and "Featured Links" sections, each containing a list of relevant links such as "2025 Regular Session Dates", "Governor's Actions", and "Prohibition of Workplace Harassment".

votepalmbeach.gov

Keep up with the local Palm Beach elections, status of your mail in ballots, find out where your voting location is.

The screenshot shows the website's homepage with a navigation menu at the top including Home, Voters, Candidates, Elections, Voter Education/Outreach, Poll Workers, Office Holders, Records | Data, and About Us. A search bar and language selector are also present. Below the navigation is a banner for Wendy Sartory Link, Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections, with the words 'Integrity', 'Accountability', and 'Service' listed vertically. A secondary navigation bar contains icons for Register To Vote, My Status, Vote By Mail, Early Voting, Find My Precinct, Upcoming Elections, and Sample Ballot.

The main content area is divided into three columns:

- NEWS:** A list of recent news items, including '07-29-2024 Vote-By-Mail Demographic Totals', 'August 20, 2024 Primary Election Poll Watcher Designation Deadline for Election Day is Noon on August 6, 2024', 'Palm Beach County Canvassing Board Schedule', '07-22-2024 Vote-By-Mail Demographic Totals', '7/19/2024 Potentially Ineligible Voter Notice', 'Click here to view or download Palm Beach County's 2024 Voter Guide', '07-15-2024 Vote-By-Mail Demographic Totals', and 'August 20, 2024 Sample Ballots are available'.
- We've Moved!** A central announcement stating: 'Our Main Office and Voting Equipment Center address is 4301 Cherry Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33409. Click to view or download the We've Moved mailer in English, Spanish, or Creole. Voters wishing to vote by mail in the 2024 elections are required to make a new Vote-by-Mail* Request for all elections. A request must include the voter's FL Driver's License or FL ID, or the last four digits of their Social Security Number, whichever can be verified by our office. Request a Vote-by-Mail ballot by clicking here! Click here to sign up for BallotTrax to receive Vote-by-Mail ballot status updates! Know that your ballot arrived and your vote was counted. Voters are always able to track the status of their ballot by visiting the My Status page at VotePalmBeach.gov; however, this new program provides voters who sign up for the service with the options to receive SMS text, voice calls, and/or email throughout the Vote-by-Mail process. Voters who sign up for BallotTrax will receive an alert each step of the way from the time a voter's ballot is printed to when it has been counted. The sign-up process is simple. Click this link, enter your voter information as it appears on your voter record/request for your Vote-by-Mail ballot, select your preferred message method (email, text, and/or voice calls), and note what time works best for messaging. Voters whose registration record is protected will not be able to receive updates via BallotTrax; however, they are encouraged to click here to sign up for the UFCC informed'.
- ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS: 7/29/24**

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| Democrat: | 322,432 |
| Republican: | 275,072 |
| Other: | 265,882 |
| Total: | 863,386 |

Below the table is a 'Register to Vote Florida.gov' button with a hand cursor icon.
- ELECTIONS**

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| Primary Election |
| (8/20/2024 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM) |
| General Election |
| (11/5/2024 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM) |

2022 Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles

I got an email from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation which outlined the finding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) 2022 Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles. The 15-page report details motorcycle safety data including geographic, demographic and other factors in crashes and fatalities involving bikers ([CrashStats - NHTSA - DOT](https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/#/) (<https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/#/>)). The following are excerpts from the MRF email. I left out any reactions or messaging from MRF.



“NHTSA lists “Key Findings” from the report. Some of the major findings include:

- In 2022 there were 6,218 motorcyclists killed, 15% of all traffic fatalities. An increase of 1% from the previous year
 - An estimated 82,687 motorcyclists were injured in 2022, a 3% decrease from 84,898 motorcyclists injured in 2021.
 - 35% of motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2022 were not properly licensed.
 - 42% of motorcycle riders who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2022 were alcohol-impaired.
 - 4.1 billion more miles were ridden on motorcycles in 2022 than the previous year. This is a 21% increase in miles traveled while fatalities only increased by 1%, showing that while the number of fatalities increased
- ...
- 35% of all motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2022 were speeding.
 - 66% of fatalities occurred in urban areas.
 - 36% of fatal crashes occurred at an intersection.
 - 58% of deaths happened during daylight hours.
 - 92% occurred on non-interstate roads.

While I was looking for a link I could add for the report, I did find the NHTSA website has a section for motorcycle safety (www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/motorcycles).

On that webpage I found the Motorcycle Safety Five Year Plan (www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/documents/13507-motorcycle_safety_plan_050919_v8-tag.pdf).

Part of the five year plan is to establish a Motorcycle Advisory Council. The purpose of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council is to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation and to the administrators of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Highway Administration on transportation issues of concern to motorcyclists, including:

- motorcycle and motorcyclist safety;
- barrier and road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and
- the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies.

In June NHTSA published a press release announcing the 13 member council. The 13 members named are: Sunshine Beer and Jay Jackson to represent motorcyclist associations; Roberta Carlson, Manjunathan Kumar, James Andrew Landini, Rita Jean Lybek and Ray Pierce to represent state governments; Roy Fair to represent state transportation departments; Chanyoung Lee to represent road safety data and engineering professionals; Kevin Marshia to represent state transportation officials; Eric Perry to represent traffic safety systems professionals; and Scott Schloegel and Jason Tolleson to represent motorcycle manufacturers and distributors. ([U SDOT Names Members to New Motorcyclist Advisory Council | NHTSA](https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/usdot-names-members-new-motorcyclist-advisory-council) (<https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/usdot-names-members-new-motorcyclist-advisory-council>)).

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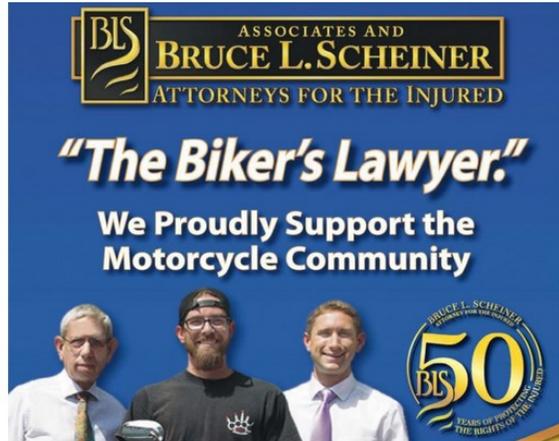
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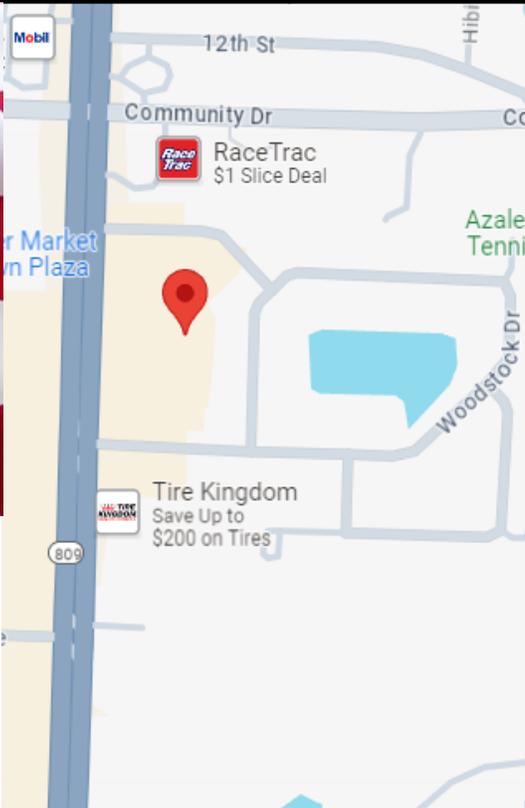
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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting
3rd Sunday July 21, 2024 11:00 am
Eagle Riders Aerie 4219
2800 N. Military #105 West Palm Beach FL
(Westchester Square south of Community not Okeechobee)



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- 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.