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CHAPTER MEETING

**3rd Sunday
December 15
Eagles WPB**

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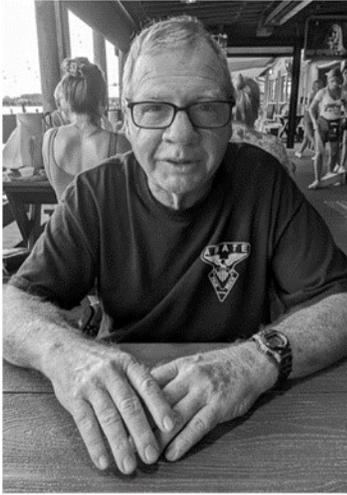
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President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke



It is with much sadness that I am letting everyone know that ABATE Palm Beach Chapter as well as the entire motorcycle community lost one of our own last month. Daniel (Slo-Mo) Henderson passed away unexpectedly last month. Dan was a huge asset to our chapter over so many years. He wore a lot of hats always taking on jobs others didn't

want to do. He was our newsletter editor, he was Safety Director, PR / Communications Trustee and Delegate for our chapter for many years. Still I think the two things Dan will be remembered for are his dedication to ABATE and for the thousands of pictures he took of all of us having a good time over the years. Dan will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

We need more people to advertise in our newsletter. If you would like to place an add all the information is right here in our newsletter! We offer competitive advertising rates. If you would just like to put in your business card those are always free to our members.

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Ride Safe. Ride Smart!!

SNOOZE

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For all that you did...





For the friends...



For the bikes and cars...



Gone but not forgotten



Ride in Peace

Dan Henderson "Slo Mo", 2024

UPCOMING Event Schedule *All events subject to change*

3rd Sunday December 15, 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)

December 1 Gulf Coast Chapter 29th Annual Toy Run

December 1 Polk County Chapter 41st Annual Toy Run

**December 8 Palm Beach Safety Awareness Duggan’s Pub & Grill
4831 Okeechobee Blvd. West Palm Beach, 33417**

December 14 ABATE of Florida State meeting Central Florida

Sunday January 19th Palm Beach ABATE chapter meeting

April 14, 2025 ABATE of Florida **28th Annual Freedom Ride to the Florida State Capitol.** 140 Pafford Rd, Monticello, FL 32336



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WEEKLY EVENTS

2nd Fri Outlaws Open House

3rd Fri Black Pistons Open House

4th Fri Outlaws Open House

3rd Sat Fly-In Wheels Party

1st, 2nd, 4th Sat Fly-In Wheels Open House

3rd Sunday ABATE Palm Beach meeting Eagles Riders 2800 N. Military
#105 West Palm Beach FL
(Westchester Plaza)



Open House

Every Saturday

Doors open at 8pm

✧ ***We Do Our Own Thing*** ✧

Friends Welcome

ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter

Chapter meetings 3rd
Sunday 11 am

Eagles Aerie

West Palm Beach FL
West of I-95

East of Military Trail

Open to ALL so come
learn about us.

Meetings usually
about a hour

2024

3rd Sunday Jan 21

3rd Sunday Feb 18

3rd Sunday Mar 17

3rd Sunday Apr 21

3rd Sunday May 19

3rd Sunday Jun 16

3rd Sunday Jul 21

3rd Sunday Aug 18

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 November 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 11:00a m

PRESIDENT: Ken opened the meeting with the pledge and moment of silence for Dan (Slo-Mo) Henderson. Dan Passed away unexpectedly last week. Dan was a long time member of Abate. He played a big part in our Chapter.

We are reminded again if we have not filled out the survey to do so.

VICE PRESIDENT: Thank everyone for participating in the toy run. It was a good day for a good cause.

SECRETARY: A motion to accept the minutes from the previous month.

TREASURER: The check book was balanced. We still have money.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Wear a helmet.

MEMBERSHIP: We signed one new member at the toy run and one renewal for a total of 145.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Lori is still producing the newsletter remotely.

LEGISLATIVE: Nothing to report from the state. Thank you to all that voted.

OLD BUSINESS: We need volunteers for our December 8th event. The State Abate meeting is in Orlando December 14th. Anyone wanting to go check the state website for details.

NEW BUSINESS: . Bills Bikes toy run will be the first Sunday in December. Ken will text a notice for anyone wanting to go.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Stokes toy run was a success. Palm Beach Abate had a safety booth. There were around two hundred riders to show up. The ride was well executed.

Motion to adjourn

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 12:00 pm

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

ABATE of FL Palm Beach
Chapter
Past Members

GBNF

Dan "Slo-Mo" Henderson

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

Mike Scruffy

Tom "Ramblin' Man" Botticelli

David "Shadow" Moore

Budd "Strongbow" Aubey

Donald Duke "Darkside" Ferrel

RT Robert Watkins

RIDE IN PEACE

December 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Fly-In Wheels Open House
8 PB ABATE Motorcycle Safety Awareness	9	10	11	12	13 Outlaws Open House	14 Fly-In Wheels Open House
15 PB ABATE 11 AM Chapter Meeting Eagle WPB	16	17	18	19	20 Black Pistons Open House	21 Fly-In Wheels Open House Party
22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas! 	26	27 Outlaws Open House	28 Fly-In Wheels Open House
29	30	31				

January 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3	4 Fly-In Wheels Open House
5	6	7	8	9	10 Outlaws Open House	11 Fly-In Wheels Open House
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26	27	28	29	30	31	



ELECTIONS BRINGS MRF FRIENDLY CANDIDATES TO KEY POSITIONS

NOVEMBER 19, 2024 - WASHINGTON DC—FORMER WISCONSIN CONGRESSMAN SEAN DUFFY NOMINATED TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY
President-elect Donald Trump named former Congressman Sean Duffy as his nominee for the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. Mr. Duffy will head a department that oversees agencies of critical importance to motorcyclists, including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHA).

In the next two years, Congress must consider a new surface transportation authorization (AKA Highway Bill). Additionally, there remains the need for policymakers to balance new construction and maintenance priorities with the ever-dwindling dollars allocated for transportation projects.

Upon his confirmation, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) looks forward to working with the new Secretary on our legislative priorities. His long track record in Congress working with groups like the MRF and ABATE of Wisconsin will hopefully enlighten his decision-making on issues that impact the millions of bikers on the road.

NOVEMBER 13, 2024—WASHINGTON, DC PAST MFR CHAMPION RECIPIENT SENATOR JOHN THUNE ELECTED SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

Senate Republicans elected Senator John Thune of South Dakota the new Senate Majority Leader. Senator Thune is the former Motorcycle Riders Foundation 2018 Legislative Champion of the Year. He has been a longtime advocate for many of our priorities and has a strong relationship with the bikers in South Dakota.

Senate Majority Leader is an extremely powerful position. The leader helps set the agenda and shape all policy debates in the U.S. Senate. The Republicans taking control of the Senate means the current Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York must step aside. This is also a dramatic change for Senate Republican leadership, as Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who previously led the Republican Senate is leaving his post in leadership after a record 18 years.

Congratulations to Senator Thune and motorcyclists in South Dakota! We look forward to working together to protect the rights of the millions of riders across this country.

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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).

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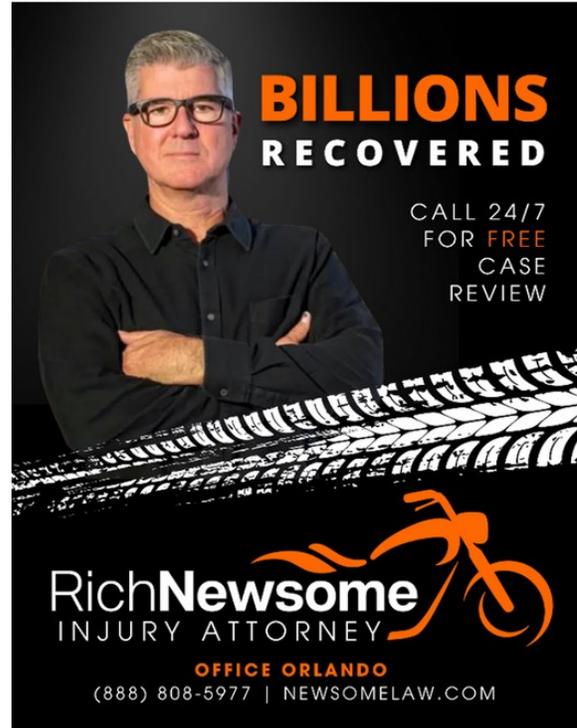
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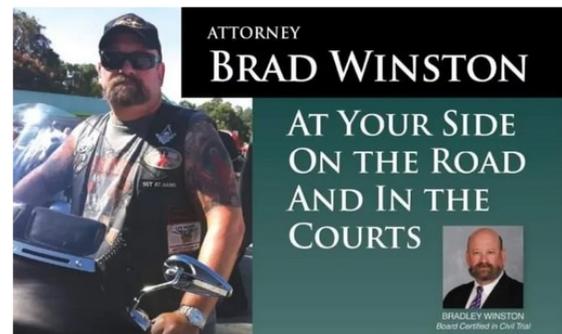
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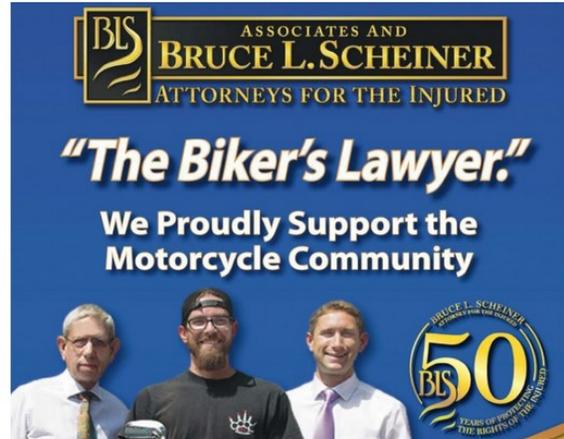
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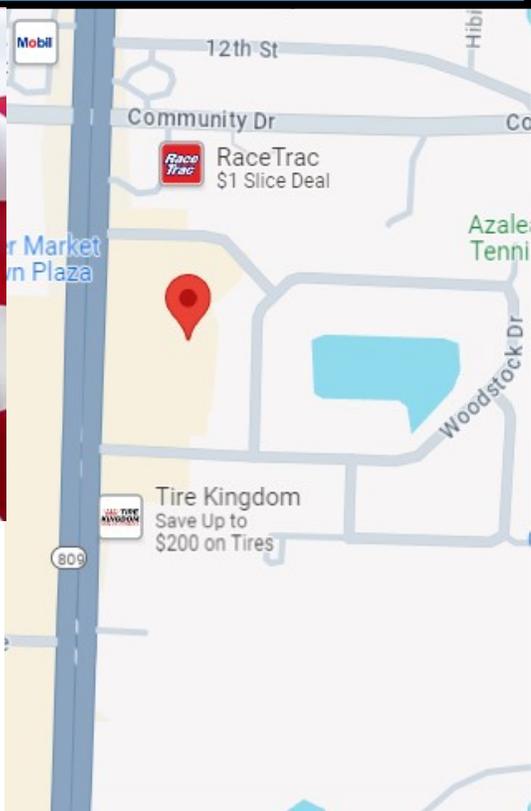
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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting
3rd Sunday December 15, 2024 11:00 am
Eagle Riders Aerie 4219
2800 N. Military #105 West Palm Beach FL
(Westchester Square south of Community not Okeechobee)



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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.