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Will "Whiskers" Callhoun, VP
ABATE of FL West Palm Beach Chapter
at the Motorcycle Riders Foundations
2025 Meeting of the Minds (pg 8)



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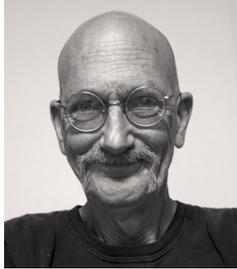
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President's Message



Danny "Curbie" Lovett

Hey all, another month is gone by and we're all a little wetter I'm sure. As you may know October 12 is our state meeting. Frank will not be able to attend so I will be going in his place along with Jeff as a delegate. If you weren't at the last chapter meeting, you may have missed the announcement that the vote that was passed during our last state meeting in regards to not hiring a lobbyist this year has been deemed null and void. It appears that the bylaws will not allow us to do that so we will be voting on which of the two proposals we have received for a new lobbyist at this next meeting. The other vote which we tabled for the moment but we will be discussing at the state meeting is that they want to raise the dues by \$10 to \$30 a year. We are looking for member input. If you have any input you'd like to make on that before the state meeting drop us a line and let us know. We do have some questions we will be asking such as how the money will be split and that sort of thing so hopefully at our next chapter meeting we will be able to talk about this with a little more certainty.

I want to say thank you to everyone who braved the rain and showed up for the Justin Bartlett animal rescue poker run. We had a very strong showing. The music at Renegade's was superb. And again a heart felt thank you to Scott and Lori for setting up and manning the safety booth. Your help doesn't go unnoticed.

As you may know Whiskers went out and represented us at the "Meeting of the minds" in Louisiana. I'm looking forward to hearing what words of wisdom he parts on us from that adventure.

Motorcycle Expo 2025 is blasting into The Palm Beach Convention Center Nov. 22-23! I know this may seem early, but we need to start looking at the idea that we need volunteers to help run our booth at this event. This one could be a real big deal and we really could use the help! Keep it in mind as November is just around the corner.

Enjoy your Halloween and for those of you going to Octoberfest. Be safe and dry. That's it for now.

And as always

Ride long and Ride safe, but most of all JUST RIDE!!!

Danny



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Vice President's Message

Will "Whiskers" Calhoun

Time moves by fast,

It was just a bit ago that the days were long and I had plenty of time after work for yard-work and chores so that I'd be free to ride most of the weekend. If the weather was bad, there was wrenching in the shed. All of a sudden, it's dark when I wake up and then not long after I get home from work. At least the temperature dropped a bit.

I'm writing this from a hotel room at the "Meeting of the Minds" in Shreveport, Louisiana, an event sponsored by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. Lots of folks here from a broad spectrum of the motorcycling world. Coast-to-Coast participation from Border-to-Border. Today is the first day of a few day event and I've certainly already learned that we all need funding, we all want our State and Washington, DC representatives to hear us but how many of our members are actually prepared to write a letter, or to use the formatted letters of the AMA or any other group. Nope, let the next guy do it. We need a secondary motto for our Chapter, "APATHY PROHIBITED". The B.S. of "someone else can do it has got to stop"! I've been selling lots of raffle tickets! Is a griddle my first choice, NO. However, I have continuously bitched about an AR because those to whom I can sell a gun ticket may not be able to go and pick it up. So, this year it's a griddle. NOT a \$200 grill, but a griddle that's \$479 at Costco. I asked for a change, I got it, time to back my words. Who else is up for a challenge? Sit on your ass and complain that membership is down? I challenge each member to bring in JUST ONE new member. It's currently only \$20 to join and get \$4K AD&D insurance, might go up... tell 'em to join before the price increase.

The November Convention Center Bike Show is a BIG DEAL for our fair city. If it goes off well it will mean lots to our Chapter and the motorcyclists of our community. It could far exceed that of the Vintage Show down in Dania Beach and make our city a future mecca for bike builders and promoters alike.

My last comment.... One common aspect brought out at the initial BOD meeting of MRF was the fact that all organizations suffer from "too many ideas", at first this sounded entirely wrong until those who have been through it much longer than I, pointed out that the proper progression is "IDEAS – PROPOSALS – ACTION". I instantly became a follower of the thought to action process and hope to carry it forward in my business life as well. Let's all get OFF our collective asses and get some things DONE!

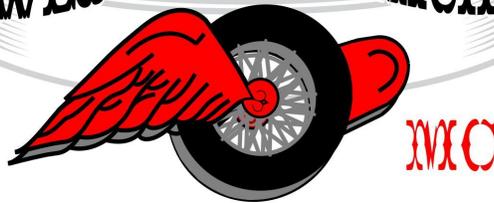
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Whiskers

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3rd Sunday Jul 20

3rd Sunday Aug 17

3rd Sunday Sep 21

3rd Sunday Oct 19

3rd Sunday Nov 16

3rd Sunday Dec 14

2026

3rd Sunday Jan 18

3rd Sunday Feb 15

3rd Sunday Mar 15

3rd Sunday Apr 19

3rd Sunday May 17

3rd Sunday Jun 14

ABATE of FL Inc Palm Beach Chapter

General Meeting—Eagles Aerie WPB September 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 11:00AM

PRESIDENT: Dan opened the meeting with the pledge and a moment of silence. We will have some things to cover under new business.

VICE PRESIDENT: Will is leaving Wednesday for The Motorcycle Meeting of the Minds. Just a reminder to purchase the state raffle tickets

SECRETARY: A motion and a second to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

TREASURER: The account is balanced. We still have money.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Stay hydrated and wear a helmet.

MEMBERSHIP: 170 members one new this month

SAFETY: No report.

LEGISLATIVE: No report.

DELEGATE: No report.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing to report.

WEBSITE: Nothing to report.

PRODUCTS: We have chapter patches. I will have state patches next month.

OLD BUSINESS: The State party planning is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS: We were asked by the State Board to pick a lobbyist. The Chapter voted to let the Delegates vote at the State meeting after discussion. We voted to increase dues to \$30.00 per year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: We will be setting up a safety booth at the Justin Bartlett Fund raiser.

There will be a poker run Beginning at Connelly's and ending at Renegades On Sunday Sept 28.

We are in the process of getting a booth set up at the Palm Beach Motorcycle Expo November 22-23 10:00-5:00

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 11:45am, 21 in attendance

STATE MEETINGS

Board Meetings start at 10am
General Meetings start at 12pm
2nd Sat of the Month

HOST CHAPTER & LOCATION

2025 State Meetings

Feb 8, 2025 Lagoon
(Treasure Coast)
Apr 13, 2025 Tallahassee
Jun 14, 2025 Bone Yard
July 2025 Seminars
Aug 9, 2025 Lake County
Oct. 11, 2025 Gator Alley
Dec. 13, 2025 Forest

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2025 MEETING OF THE MINDS

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- Maintain and improve our capability to meet and exceed the needs of our membership base and all state motorcyclists' rights organizations.
- Enhance training of national, state, and local motorcyclists' rights activists.



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Scenic Rides: Explore picturesque routes, including the Old Town Ride to St. Augustine and the



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Vendor Exhibits: Browse hundreds of vendors showcasing the latest safety motorcycle gear, accessories, and custom builds.

Motorcycle Racing: Witness thrilling races at the iconic Daytona International Speedway.

Live Entertainment: Enjoy live outdoor music performances.

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The Loop: A 23-mile ride through live oaks and scenic waterways, perfect for nature lovers.

The Old City Ride: Sponsored by the Florida Motorcycle Safety Program, takes you to historic St. Augustine and back. The 110-mile ride takes about 2.5 hours.

U.S. Hwy 1 Scenic Route: A 42.8-mile journey connecting iconic spots like Iron Horse Saloon and the A1A Scenic Highway.

Street Festival Ride: A four-mile cruise from Main Street to Midtown, highlighting Daytona’s vibrant culture.



RIDE SAFE

While enjoying the festivities, remember to prioritize safety. Adhere to traffic laws, wear protective gear, and stay hydrated. Let’s make Biketoberfest® 2025 a fun and safe experience for all.

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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.

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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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For More information and events see Upcoming Events Schedule

November 2025

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UPCOMING Event Schedule *All events subject to change*

3rd Sunday October 14th 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 October 11th, ABATE State Meeting, Gator Alley

October 16-19, 33rd Annual Biketoberfest®, 1801 West International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach (the FMSP will have an outreach tent at Daytona International Speedway)

Saturday, November 15, ABATE of Florida, Inc, Peace River Chapter, Christmas Toy Poker Run,
10:00AM-3:00PM Charlie's Pub, 3496 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Saturday November 22, The Fly-In Wheels West Palm Beach, Annual Party, 2PM-???, 6540
Bishoff Rd, West Palm Beach Clubhouse

November 20-23, St. Pete Bikefest®, Bert's Barracuda Harley-Davidson® (Clearwater, FL
Location)10525 49th St N, Clearwater, FL 33762

November 22-23, Palm Beach Motorcycle Expo, 10AM-5PM, Palm Beach County Convention
Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL



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

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

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AUGUST RECESS ENDS BUSY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AHEAD

September 9, 2025

As summer draws to a close, Congress has returned to Washington, D.C., following its traditional August recess. Lawmakers now face a packed schedule with several critical items still on the agenda before the end of the year.

One top priority will be enacting funding levels for the Department of Transportation (DOT) for Fiscal Year 2026. These appropriations decisions directly impact the resources available for programs that affect motorcyclists nationwide, from infrastructure safety initiatives to highway planning and enforcement activities.

In addition to funding matters, the Senate is expected to take up confirmation votes for key agency officials. This includes a vote on Jonathan Morrison, the current nominee to serve as Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), a position with significant influence over motorcycle safety regulations, vehicle standards, and traffic safety programs.

The weeks ahead will be critical for ensuring the voices of America's riders are heard. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) urges all members to stay engaged, follow legislative developments closely, and be ready to act. Whether it's reaching out to your elected officials, responding to MRF calls to action, or sharing information with fellow riders, your involvement is essential.

Congress may have been away in August, but the work ahead promises to be intense. Let's make sure motorcycle riders are part of the conversation as decisions are made that will shape our roads and our rights.

Stay tuned to the MRF for updates and action alerts as this busy legislative season unfolds.

NHTSA ADVANCES RULES FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

September 12, 2025

Last week, U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy announced that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is launching three new rulemakings to modernize the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) for vehicles equipped with automated driving systems (ADS).

According to Secretary Duffy, these changes are designed to “eliminate redundant requirements and bring us closer to a single national standard that spurs innovation and prioritizes safety.” NHTSA officials echoed this sentiment, stating that the current standards were written for human-driven vehicles and “need to be updated for autonomous vehicles.”

The three specific standards under review include:

Transmission shift position sequence, starter interlock, and transmission braking effect

Windshield defrosting, defogging, wiping, and washing systems

Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment

While the MRF supports modernization where appropriate, we remain concerned about the rapid push to greenlight fully driverless vehicles, particularly when motorcycles and other road users are often excluded from the conversation. NHTSA’s Automated Vehicle Framework prioritizes “unleashing innovation” and “enabling commercial deployment,” but riders know all too well that safety must come first, not as an afterthought.

The push for automated driving systems comes as the auto industry itself is wrestling with challenges in both electric and autonomous vehicle markets. Tesla is now pivoting away from its original EV mission and placing its bets on AI-driven ventures like robotaxis.

Tesla and other companies have yet to prove that autonomous vehicles can operate safely and consistently in the real world, especially when it comes to detecting and responding to motorcycles.

The MRF has long warned that autonomous vehicle developers must demonstrate that their systems can safely interact with motorcyclists





before deployment. A vehicle that fails to “see” a rider is not a safety innovation, it’s a deadly hazard.

As the rulemaking process moves forward, the MRF will remain engaged to ensure that riders are heard in Washington. The future of transportation should not come at the expense of motorcyclist safety.

We urge our members to stay alert, stay informed, and be ready to speak out. Innovation is welcome, but only when it comes with accountability.

RETURN OF THE MAC

September 19, 2025

This week, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced the reformation of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC). This comes a little over a month after board members received letters terminating their place on the MAC. While the designated membership categories for the Council remain the same as prescribed in federal law, the DOT has required that all 13 seats be refilled with new nominations.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is proud to announce that it will once again support MRF Vice President Jay Jackson for the seat reserved for a national motorcyclist foundation. Jay has been a tireless advocate for riders nationwide, as proven by his selection to serve on the MAC last year.

The MRF is disappointed that the DOT chose to reshuffle the Council and remove already seated members. Stability and continuity are vital to ensuring the MAC can effectively advise the DOT on issues impacting riders. While this decision is frustrating, the MRF is determined to fight for Jay’s reappointment and ensure the motorcyclist community continues to be represented by strong, experienced leadership.

The nomination process is moving more quickly than in past years, with an accelerated deadline of October 20th. The MRF will be working closely with our state partners and allies to secure the necessary letters of support to reinforce Jay’s candidacy.

The restoration of the MAC is a critical moment for all riders. With issues like infrastructure, roadway design, and autonomous vehicle technology on the horizon, it is essential that the motorcyclist community has a seat at the table. The MRF remains committed to ensuring your voice is heard in Washington, D.C., and we will fight to see Jay Jackson has a spot on this important council.

SENATE CONFIRMS NHTSA ADMINISTRATOR

September 25, 2025

Last week, the U.S. Senate confirmed Jonathan Morrison to serve as Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Morrison is the first Senate-confirmed leader of the agency since 2022.

This confirmation comes at a pivotal moment for transportation safety. NHTSA is responsible for overseeing dozens of open investigations into potential defects in cars and trucks, including several high-profile cases involving Tesla. However, more importantly for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), Morrison will lead the federal government's efforts to craft regulations for autonomous vehicles (AVs).

At his July confirmation hearing, Morrison told lawmakers that NHTSA "cannot sit back and wait for problems to arrive with such developing technologies." He emphasized the need for federal rules to accelerate the deployment of self-driving cars. While the MRF agrees that strong leadership is needed in this area, we remain vigilant to ensure that "rapid deployment" does not come at the expense of motorcyclist safety.

For years, the MRF has warned that automated driving systems too often fail to properly detect and respond to motorcycles. This is not a hypothetical risk, it's a real-world danger when testing and regulations are written without motorcyclists in mind. As the nation's top auto safety regulator, Morrison will have a direct hand in determining whether motorcycles are prioritized in testing protocols, data collection, and performance standards for AVs.

The MRF will closely monitor NHTSA's next steps and continue to make the case in Washington that the safety of motorcyclists must never be overlooked in the rush to roll out self-driving technology. Policymakers, industry leaders, and regulators need to hear from riders across the country.

Your continued support ensures that the MRF can keep fighting for your right to ride free and safe, no matter what new technologies emerge on America's roads.



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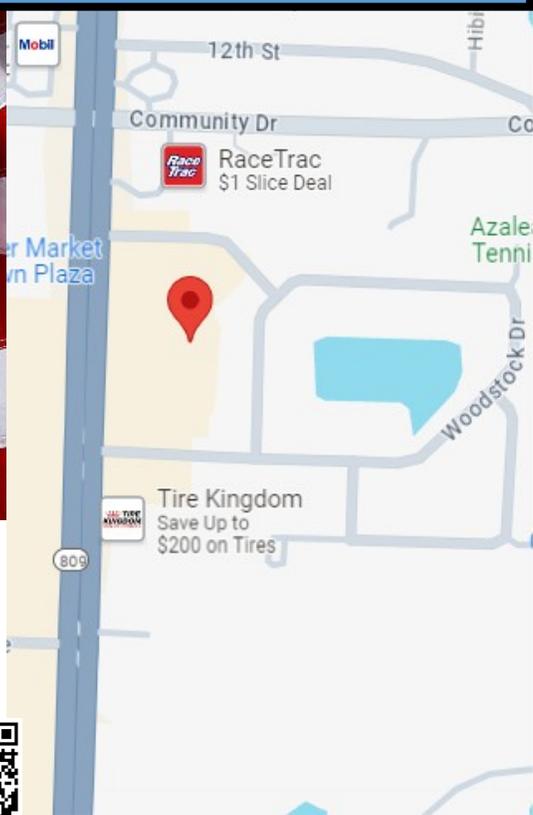
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