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*Join us for a celebration of life for
Dan (Slo-Mo) Henderson on*

*February 23rd
2:00 pm to 6:00pm*

*at the Eagles Aerie 4219
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3rd Sunday
February 16, 2025
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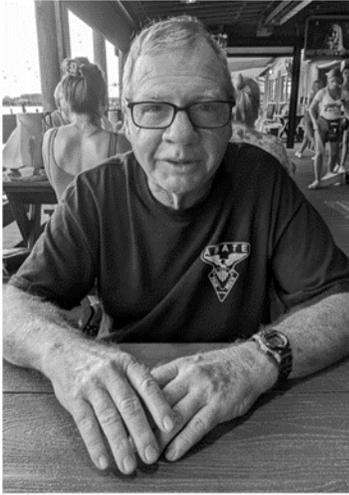
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President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

Happy February everyone! Hope it will be warmer and drier than January was. As I said last month, we were working on having a celebration of life for Dan (Slo-Mo) Henderson. Well, we now know where and when it will be. The celebration of life will be on February 23rd at the Eagles Aerie 4219 at 2800 N. Military trail #105 west palm beach from 2:00 pm to 6:00pm. Come raise a glass and toast to one of our most dedicated members who over the years did a lot for our chapter and ABATE of Florida as well.

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Chapter meetings 3rd
Sunday 11 am

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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

3rd Sunday Jul 20

3rd Sunday Aug 17

3rd Sunday Sep 14

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 January 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 11:00a m

PRESIDENT; Ken opened the meeting With the Pledge and a moment of silence. We do not have much to cover today. There will be some of us going to the S.E. Chapter annual after the meeting. If anyone would like to join us they are welcome.

VICE PRESIDENT: Debbie would like to thank everyone for coming.

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

TREASURER: The books are balanced. We have money.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Dan suggested we should wear a helmet.

MEMBERSHIP: .We have four new members for a total of 151.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Lori is working on the newsletter.

LEGISLATIVE: .Frank suggested to anyone who has never been to a State ABATE meeting to go. We would like to thank the State for the new ABATE tent and products

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: .On Sunday February 23rd there will be a GBNF gathering for Dan (Slo-Mo) Henderson. It will be at the Eagles Aerie 4219 2800 N. Military trail West Palm Beach starting at 2:00 pm

GOOD OF THE ORDER: The Eagle Aerie has volunteered to cook food for the gathering. There was a motion and a second to pay the Aerie for the supplies. Any carry-in dishes are welcome.

Motion to adjourn

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 11:40 pm

**STATE
MEETINGS**

Board Meetings start at 10am
General Meetings start at 12pm

2nd Sat

**HOST CHAPTER
& LOCATION**

2025 State Meetings

Feb 8, 2025 Lagoon
(Treasure Coast)

Apr 12, 2025 Tallahassee

Jun 14, 2025 Boneyard

Aug 9, 2025 Lake County

Oct. 11, 2025 Gator Alley

Dec. 13, 2025 Forest

ABATE of FL Palm Beach
Chapter
Past Members

GBNF

Dan "Slo-Mo" Henderson

Steve "Boo" Miller

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

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Welcome New Members!!

Gerald Kielty	01/31/2026
Carl Schwartz	01/31/2026
Gene Rainsburg	01/31/2026
Kenneth Blake	01/31/2026
Michael Marquis	01/31/2026
Barbara Beal	01/31/2026

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Will (Whiskers) Calhoun	02/28/2025
Randal Love	02/28/2025
Tony Smith	02/28/2025
Kathy Cook	01/31/2025

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Expired Memberships

Millard Porter	4/30/2024
Ronda (Jo) Porter	4/30/2024
Daryl Stanborough	5/31/2024
Bob Leupp	6/30/2024
Joe Simon	7/31/2024
Barbara and Mario Marques	11/30/2024
Jeff Arris	11/30/2024

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If you have any questions about your membership, contact Jeff pbabateneads@gmail.com. He can check the State records of your member membership status .

February 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						<p>1</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Lake Worth Eagles Poker Run</p> <p>Cruizin' for Crime Stoppers</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Ink Link Fund Raiser</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Outlaws Open House</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House</p> <p>Dillon Insurance Car Show</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Super Bowl Party</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Gorilla Motors Bike Night Rack 'n Balls</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Black Pistons Open House</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House Party</p>
<p>16</p> <p>PB ABATE 11 AM Chapter Meeting Eagle WPB</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Gorilla Motors Bike Night Rack 'n Balls</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Outlaws Open House</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Dan (Slo-Mo) Henderson Celebration of Life</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Gorilla Motors Bike Night Rack 'n Balls</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Daytona Bike Week Starts</p>	

March 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Fly-In Wheels Open House Midnight Sun Festival Car and Bike Show
2	3	4	5	6 Ink Link Fund Raiser	7 Outlaws Open House	8 Fly-In Wheels Open House
9 Daytona Bike Week Ends	10	11	12	13 Gorilla Motors Bike Night Rack 'n Balls	14 Black Pistons Open House	15 Fly-In Wheels Open House Party
16 PB ABATE 11 AM Chapter Meeting Eagle WPB	17	18	19	20 Gorilla Motors Bike Night Rack 'n Balls	21 Outlaws Open House	22 Fly-In Wheels Open House
23	24	25	26	27 Gorilla Motors Bike Night Rack 'n Balls	28	29 Fly-In Wheels Open House
30	31					

UPCOMING Event Schedule *All events subject to change*

3rd Sunday February 16th 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)

Sunday Feb 2nd Cruizin' For Crime Stoppers, Acreage Community Park, 6701 Ave N, Loxahatchee, FL 33470

Sunday Feb 2nd 1st Annual Poker Run Eagles #3694, 2101 Lake Worth Rd, First bike out 1030, last bike in 5pm, winners announced at 6pm

Saturday Feb 8th Dillion Insurance 4th Anniversary Car Show, 8461 Lake Worth Rd, Lake Worth Fl 33467

Sunday Feb 16th Black Jack For Stand Down House, FBO 1130 LBI 1:30, American Legion Post 141, 1350 Clubhouse Dr, WPB 33409

Sunday Feb 23rd Celebration of Life for Dan (Slo-Mo) Henderson,. 2-6pm Eagles Aerie 2800 N. Military Suite #105 West Palm Beach, FL

Friday Feb 28-Mar 9 Daytona Bike Week 2025, Daytona Beach, FL

Saturday March 1st Midnight Sun Festival Car & Bike Show, 1-5pm, Bryant Park, Lake Worth

Sunday March 2nd Greenacres Fire and Rescue Chili Cook-Off and Rock N' Roll Sunday 12-5PM, Samuel J. Ferreri Community Park, 2905 Jog Rd, Greenacres, FL 33467

Sunday March 16th 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

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

1st Thurs—Ink Link Fund raiser

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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EXECUTIVE ORDERS

January 23, 2025 - Washington DC

Hours after being sworn in as the 47th President of the United States, Donald Trump issued several executive orders. An executive order is a directive by the President of the United States that oversees operations within the federal government. They have significant influence over the internal process of government, deciding how and the extent to which they will enforce legislation. Executive orders remain in effect until rescinded, so they often only last for the term of the President that issues them.

One of the orders issued directs government officials to consider eliminating subsidies and other policies that favor electric vehicles. The order stopped short of explicitly calling for the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation to rework fuel economy and emissions regulations created during the Biden Administration.

However, this order does specifically call for terminating waivers that allow states to limit gas-powered car sales. It is a sign that policies enacted by the State of California and followed by

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other states may face pushback at the federal level. California's withdrawal of a proposed electric motorcycle mandate late last year underscores the reality that the political landscape on this issue has changed.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation remains committed to protecting the internal combustion engine and freedom of choice for consumers when purchasing vehicles. While these executive orders are a step in the right direction, further legislative action or regulatory reform will be needed to ensure long-lasting effects. We will remain vigilant here in D.C., defending the internal combustion engine and your freedom of choice

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE SOURCE FOR THE NEXT HIGHWAY BILL

This week, the House of Representatives finalized some of its organizational structure by announcing committee assignments for the 119th Congress. Of note for motorcyclists, the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee roster was finalized. House T & I, as it is known, is the largest committee in either chamber of Congress. With over 60 members, it has veteran lawmakers and newly elected representatives.

In the Senate, jurisdiction over transportation policy is split between two committees: the Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee and the Environment & Public Works Committee. However, in the House, most transportation policy falls within the purview of House T & I, with some issues handled by the House Committee on Energy & Commerce.

During the next two years, the top item on the agenda for House T & I will be the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act, known as the "Highway Bill." This massive piece of legislation must be passed every five (5) years and provides the best opportunity to advance the legislative priorities of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). Therefore, it is critical to build relationships with T & I committee members who hold power over the issues that are priorities to bikers.



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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).

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.

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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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Phone: (386) 943-9610 Fax: 850-361-1118 Email: flabatestateoffice@gmail.com

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.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. Membership Application

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth: / /
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____ Chapter: _____

Are you a registered voter: Yes _____ No _____
 Voting Districts _____ Fl House: _____ Fl Senate: _____ Us Congress Dist. : _____

Membership Options Annual New Member \$20.00: _____ Lifemembership \$600.00: _____

Member Transfer to New Chapter: _____ From old Chapter: _____

Change of address: _____ Home Chapter: Palm Beach Chapter

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Membership Use Paid By Cash: _____ Check: _____ Paypal: _____ Square: _____

Verified By: _____ Date paid: _____ Do Not mail Cash

ABATE of Florida, Inc has partnered with American Income Life to provide all members with a \$4000.00 AD&D Policy Please fill out the card below

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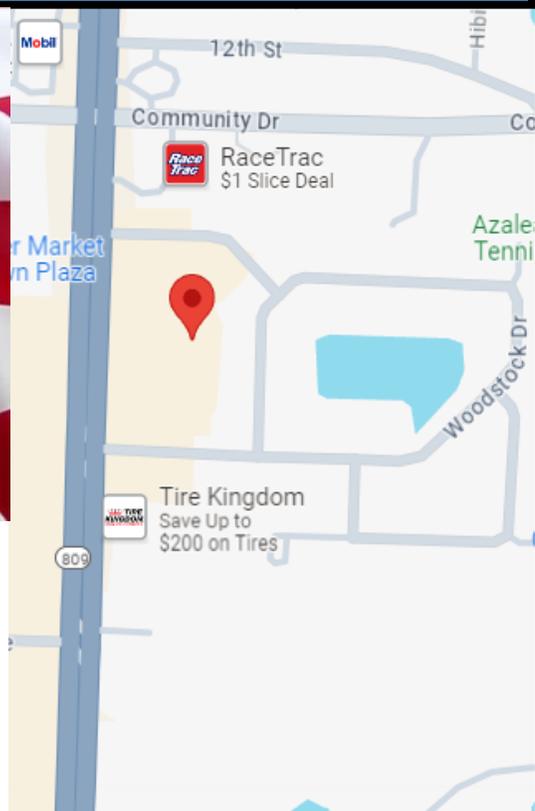
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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth: / /
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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting
3rd Sunday February 16, 2025 11:00 am
Eagle Riders Aerie 4219
2800 N. Military #105 West Palm Beach FL
(Westchester 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.