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CHAPTER MEETING

**3rd Sunday**

**May 18, 2025**

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WHO RIDE  
DECIDE!**



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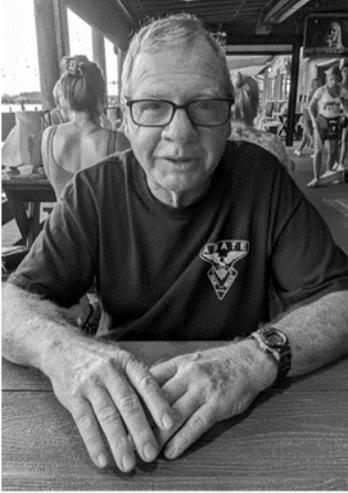
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## President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

It's May and that means it is chapter nominations time! You see every year at this time every member gets to nominate someone to either be on our Board of Directors or be a Trustee. You can nominate any member you think would be a good candidate or you can nominate yourself if you want. So if you are a member of our chapter please come to our next meeting on May 18th and nominate the person of your choice. (meeting info on back cover).

The 16th annual "Boz" Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway is the only National Motorcycle Lobby day held in our Nation's Capital. Motorcyclists from around the country ride to D.C. to help educate members of Congress about the issues facing motorcyclists today. This event will be held Monday, May 19th and Tuesday, May 20th 2025. If you are interested in going the online registration must be completed by May 14th 2025. more info can be found on the MRF website.

Also, every Thursday except the first Thursday of the month, is Rack n Balls and Gorilla Motors Bike Night. All proceeds go to very deserving charities. So come out and show your support.

We are always looking for new members to join our chapter to help us on our quest to save motorcyclists lives in Florida. But if you need another reason to join us we also offer you a \$4,000.00 accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy included in your membership! So join us today and help us fight for your motorcyclist rights, safety, and awareness !!!

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# 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

## 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 April 20, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** 11:00a m

**PRESIDENT:** Ken (Snooxe) called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. at the Eagles Aerie 4219. Followed by the pledge and a moment of silence. This will be our first round of nominations for chapter officers. I will be stepping Down as President. I have been president seven times in the last eleven years. It is time for someone else to step up and be involved.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Deb reminded us of Leesburg coming up next week

**SECRETARY:** Fred was excused. A motion and a second to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

**TREASURER:** We are in good standing. The treasure report and the checkbook were balanced A motion and a second to approve was made.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** You don't have to wear a helmet. We suggest you do!

**MEMBERSHIP:** We had eight new members and six renewals. Total membership 165.

**SAFETY:** No report.

**LEGISLATIVE:** No report.

**DELEGATE:** No report.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS:** Lori requested areas of interest or interesting articles be sent to the email in the newsletter.

**PRODUCTS:** Jeff will be ordering ABATE Patches.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Bikers Inside the Beltway is coming up for anyone interested. *(see pages 28-29 of this newsletter for details)*

**NEW BUSINESS:** Blessing of the bikes is coming up May 3rd. It will be at the American Legion 268 in Riviera Beach. We will have a safety table set up. The next State meeting is June 14th hosted by the Boneyard Chapter in Port Richey.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** We have Lori nominated for President. We have Dan nominated for vice president. We nominated Fred as secretary in his absence. Jeff has agreed to remain treasure and membership trustee.

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn 12:00 pm

**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

**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

Mike Scruffy

Tom "Ramblin' Man" Botticelli

David "Shadow" Moore

Budd "Strongbow" Aubey

Donald Duke "Darkside" Ferel

RT Robert Watkins

**RIDE IN PEACE**

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## BONEYARD CHAPTER

# BIKE NIGHT

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH**  
**7-10 PM, TROPHIES, FOOD,**  
**MUSIC, 50/50, AT ELKS**  
**LODGE #2520 HUDSON**

# STATE MEETING

**SATURDAY, JUNE**  
**14TH 10 AM BOARD**  
**MEETING, 12 PM**  
**DELEGATES MEETING**

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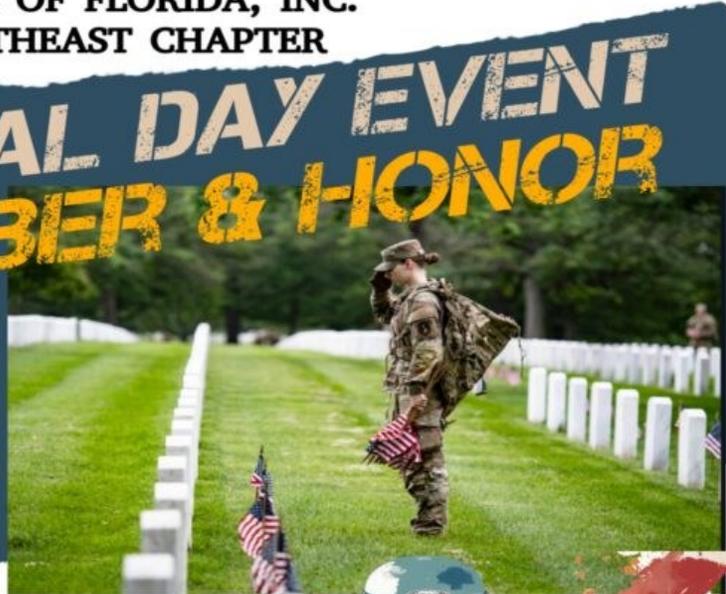
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Thank you for all the support of ABATE of Florida, Inc. and the Palm Beach Chapter.

## **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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# FLORIDA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM (FMSP)

## BACKGROUND

Florida has many things to offer motorcycle enthusiasts, from sunny weather, beautiful beaches, and scenic highways to motorcycle-specific events and rallies such as Daytona Bike Week. Florida's growing population and popularity with motorcycle enthusiasts make motorcycle safety of paramount importance.

Florida has over 700,000 registered motorcycles with over 1 million endorsed riders. Annually, Florida has over 500 motorcycle fatalities and over 8,000 motorcycle-related crashes. Florida continually ranks in the top three states in the nation for motorcycle-related fatalities; using data compiled by the University of South Florida's Center for Urban Transportation Research, it is evident that a safety education plan for riders and Florida drivers is necessary.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles launched the Florida Motorcycle Safety Program (FMSP) in collaboration with American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE) of Florida, Inc., the Latin American Motorcycle Association (L.A.M.A.) Inc., and the American Legion – Department of Florida, Inc. (ALR). By uniting our strengths, we can take a comprehensive and impactful approach to promoting motorcycle safety and work towards making roads safer for riders across Florida.

The Florida Motorcycle Safety Program (FMSP) is a comprehensive education, awareness marketing, and outreach plan to enhance motorcycle safety and reduce crashes and injuries among Florida motorcyclists. A commitment to inclusivity, collaboration, and a proactive approach to motorcycle safety guides this Program.

### **Objectives:**

#### **A. Save Lives and Prevent Injuries:**

Our primary goal is to reduce motorcycle crashes, injuries, and fatalities in Florida. To

achieve this, we will develop and promote safety campaigns, educational materials, and training programs that address key risk factors and promote safe riding practices. These efforts will be evidence-based and continually updated to align with emerging safety trends and technologies.

**B. Maximize Impact:**

We recognize the importance of reaching the largest possible number of Florida motorcyclists. To achieve this, our outreach efforts will utilize a multi-channel approach, including social media, community events, partnerships with motorcycle clubs, and collaboration with local businesses. We will focus on creating awareness and providing accessible resources to all riders across the state.

**C. Be Inclusive of ALL Riders:**

Inclusivity is at the core of our Program. Our programs and campaigns will be designed to benefit all Florida motorcyclists, regardless of their background or affiliations. We will work diligently to ensure that our messaging and outreach efforts resonate with a diverse audience and respect the values of the communities we serve.

**D. Collaborate:**

We recognize that achieving our safety goals requires collaboration with other program administrators and stakeholders. We will actively engage with organizations, agencies, and businesses involved in motorcycle safety and promote sharing resources, knowledge, and best practices. This collaborative approach will maximize the impact of funds and streamline program administration.

**PROGRAM GOALS**

-  Save as many lives and prevent as many injuries as possible to Florida motorcyclists.
-  Have the most significant impact on the largest number of Florida motorcyclists.
-  Create programs that benefit all Florida motorcyclists regardless of race, sex, religion, or political affiliation.
-  Collaborate with other program administrators on contract requirements, including the use of safety materials,



🛵 advertisements, management of programs, and administration of events and other activities to maximize funding and achieve economies of scale.

🛵 Engage the entire Florida motorcycle community where possible by inviting them to participate as volunteers.

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### **ABATE of Florida, Inc.**



**American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE)** – a non-profit organization that promotes motorcycle safety and awareness and advocates for motorcyclists’ rights. The Florida chapter provides safety education, legislative advocacy, public awareness campaigns, charitable activities, and community outreach.



### **L.A.M.A. International Motorcycle Association Inc.**

**(L.A.M.A.)** – the Latin American Motorcycle Association is a non-profit organization representing the interests of Latino motorcyclists globally. The Florida Chapters promote motorcycle safety, awareness, and education and foster a sense of community among male and female Latino motorcyclists.

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**(ALR)** – is comprised of veterans, active-duty military personnel, and supporters of the US armed forces. The Florida American Legion Riders promote family-oriented motorcycling activity and motorcycle safety programs through veteran support, community service, events, motorcycle safety programs, and legislative advocacy.

**Quest Corporation of America (Quest)** – is focused on transportation awareness and education programs, delivering compliance, top-tier marketing, event support, and public relations services throughout Florida. Quest serves as the Program Administrator and ensures program activities are in collaboration amongst the three organizations, tracked,

## **We Are Passionate About Safety**



The Florida Motorcycle Safety Program (FMSP) aims to significantly reduce the number of motorcycle crashes and fatalities on Florida roads. We are passionate about increasing public awareness of motorcycle safety and promoting responsible riding practices.



# May 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				<p>1</p> <p>Florida Motorcycle Safety Month</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Blessing of the Bikes American Legion 268</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Rack 'n Ball Gorilla Motors Bike Night</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Outlaws Open House</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Rack 'n Ball Gorilla Motors Bike Night</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Black Pistons Open House</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels HARD TIMES PARTY!</p>
<p>18</p> <p>PB ABATE 11 AM Chapter Meeting Eagles Aerie WPB</p>	<p>19</p> <p>MRF Bikers Inside the Beltway</p>	<p>20</p> <p>MRF Bikers Inside the Beltway</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Rack 'n Ball Gorilla Motors Bike Night</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Outlaws Open House</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House</p>
<p>25</p> <p>SE Chapter Memorial Day Event – Remember &amp; Honor</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Rack 'n Ball Gorilla Motors Bike Night</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

For More information and events see Upcoming Events Sched-

# June 2025

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<p>1</p> <p>ABATE PM Motorcycle Safety Awareness Eagles Aerie WPB</p> 						<p>7</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House</p>
<p>8</p>				<p>12</p> <p>Rack 'n Ball Gorilla Motors Bike Night</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bone Yard Chapter Bike Nite</p> <p>Outlaws Open House</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>State Meeting Boneyard Chapter Port Richey</b></p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House</p>
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For More information and events see Upcoming Events Sched-

**UPCOMING Event Schedule** *All events subject to change*

**3rd Sunday May 18 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 May 3**, Blessing of the Bikes, American Legion Post 268 1690 Avenue  
H West Riviera Beach, FL 33404 starts at noon.

**Monday — Tuesday May 19-20** Motorcycle Riders Foundation—Bikers Inside  
the Beltway, Washington, DC.

**Saturday May 17** Fly-In Wheels Hard Times Party! West Palm Beach  
Clubhouse, 6540 Bischoff Rd. 2:00PM

**Sunday May 25th** ABATE Southeast Chapter Memorial Day Event Remember  
& Honor 12-5PM, 1620 State Road 84m Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315

**Sunday June 1 ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Motorcycle Safety Awareness, 1**  
-5pm, Eagles Aerie 4219, 2800 N. Military Suite #105 West Palm Beach, FL

**Friday June 13**, Boned Yard Chapter Bike Nite, 7-10PM, Aripeka Elks Lodge  
9135 Denton Ave, Hudson, FL 34667

**Saturday June 14 State Meeting 10am Board Meeting, 12pm Delegates,  
Bone Yard — 9135 Denton Ave, Hudson, FL 34667**

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**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**

**Every Thursday except the first Thursday of the Month—Rack ‘n Balls Gorilla Motors Bike Nite**

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## FLORIDA LAUNCHES MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH: RIDE SMART, STAY SAFE

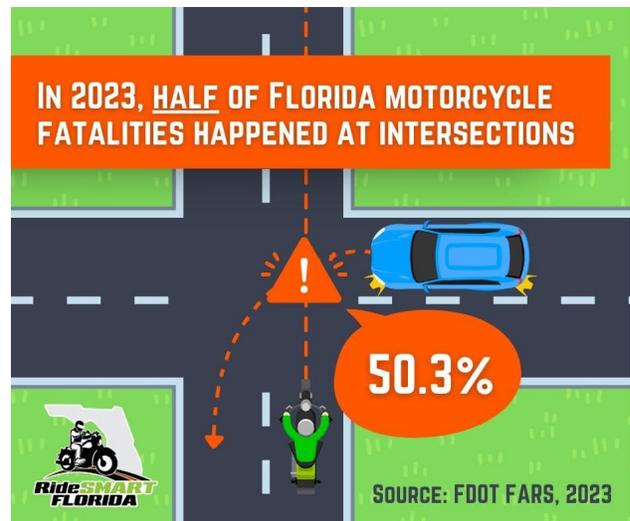
May marks the beginning of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, a time to highlight the importance of safe riding and driving habits around Florida's roads. With its scenic highways, breathtaking coastlines, and year-round riding weather, Florida is a top destination for motorcyclists. However, that freedom comes with an increased risk - motorcyclists are far more vulnerable in crashes than other road users.

With more than 700,000 registered motorcycles and over 1 million endorsed riders, Florida ranks among the top three states in the nation for motorcycle-related fatalities. Each year, over 600 motorcyclists lose their lives, and over 9,000 motorcycle-related crashes occur statewide. These numbers highlight the urgent need for increased safety awareness and action.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV), in partnership with the Florida Motorcycle Safety Program (FMSP), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Ride Smart Florida, law enforcement agencies, and other safety organizations, are working to make Florida's roads safer for motorcyclists.

FMSP's collaborative organizations, ABATE of Florida, Inc, The American Legion Riders Department of Florida (ALR), and The Latin American Motorcycle Association (L.A.M.A.), promote the Share the Road campaign. Working together, these groups educate both riders and motorists on best safety practices, fostering a safer, more inclusive traffic environment.

In recognition of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, every road user plays a role in making Florida's highways safer. By working together, we can reduce motorcycle-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities.



# FLORIDA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM RIDER SURVEY RESULTS

## RESPONSES ON RIDING EXPERIENCE AND SAFETY

### FLORIDA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM RIDER SURVEY RESULTS

#### RESPONSES ON RIDING EXPERIENCE AND SAFETY

WHEN ASKED IF THERE IS A HELMET LAW IN FLORIDA



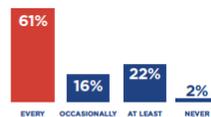
46% SAID YES 54% SAID NO

SAFETY COURSES COMPLETED



47% 23% 31%  
BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED

HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE PREVENTATIVE SAFETY MEASURES?



WHAT FACTORS INFLUENCE YOUR DECISION TO WEAR PROTECTIVE GEAR WHILE RIDING?



RIDER OPINION: WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON CAUSES OF MOTORCYCLE CRASHES?



#### ABOUT OUR RESPONDENTS

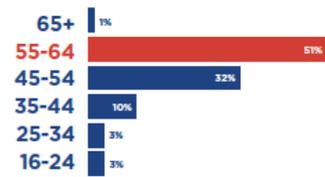
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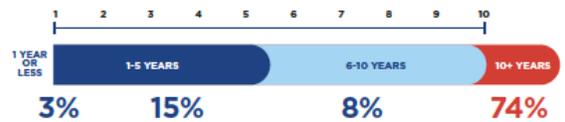


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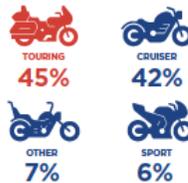
WHAT IS YOUR AGE?



HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING?



WHAT DO YOU RIDE?



WHY DO YOU RIDE?



The data presented in this infographic is based on survey responses collected between March and November 2024. The results reflect the perspectives and experiences of participants and may not represent the views of all Florida motorcyclists.

1930 Henderson KJ Streamline  
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With its 1,200-cc, 40-horsepower, in-line four-cylinder engine, the 1930 Henderson Model KJ Streamline could exceed 100 mph. In an era when streamlining was used sparingly in motorcycle design, American Orley Ray Courtney's enclosed bodywork was virtually unknown on production two-wheelers (except for a few racing machines), making the KJ an unusual and beautiful example of Art Deco design.





## **UPDATE ON THE RIGHT TO EQUITABLE PROFESSIONAL AUTO INDUSTRY REPAIR (REPAIR) ACT 2025 (H.R. 1566 AND S. 1379)**

H.R. 1566 - The REPAIR Act Right To Equitable And Professional Auto Industry Repair

Should you have the choice of where to bring your motorcycle for repairs or to do the work yourself? Should you have access to the parts, tools and service information required to maintain, service and modify your bike? Do you want to control who may access the data from your motorcycle and its use? If you answered yes to these questions, it is time to contact your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 1566, the “Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act”, known as the “REPAIR Act.”

The REPAIR Act ensures that vehicle owners or repair shops can access the information, software or tools needed to work on vehicles. This proposed commonsense law establishes rules regarding vehicle data access and will help preserve consumer choice and a fair marketplace.

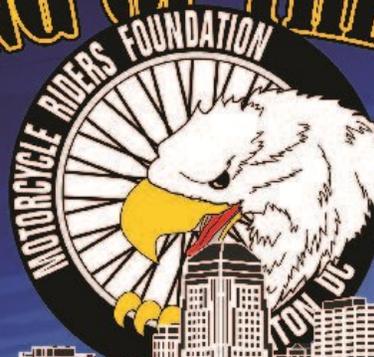
A similar bill was introduced during the last session of Congress and cosponsored by 56 Representatives.

S. 1379 - The Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act’

Earlier this month , two (2) members of the U.S. Senate introduced a new Right -to-Repair bill. This bill is similar to the House version, H.R. 1566 and has the same name, the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act”

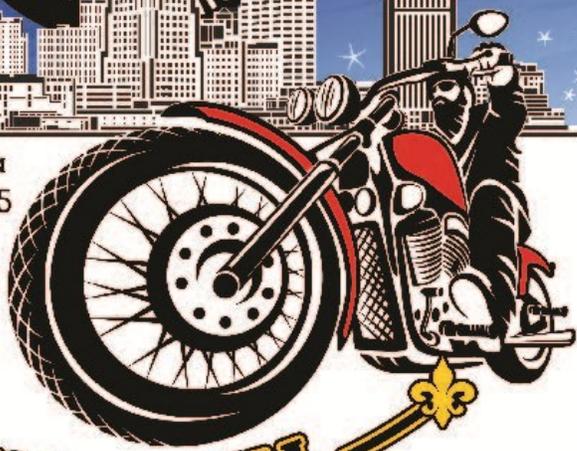
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Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.  
\*See registration form for details.

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or simply the “REPAIR Act.”

The Senate version of the REPAIR Act, S. 1379, was introduced by Senator Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico and Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri.

Senate bill S. 1379 represents the first time a Right-to-Repair bill of this nature is being introduced in the U.S. Senate. Previous versions of the REPAIR Act have passed the House of Representatives, but this action in the Senate clearly demonstrates the growing interest in Right-to-Repair legislation.

According to Senator Lujan, lead sponsor of the bill, “Giving vehicle owners, independent repair shops and aftermarket manufacturers access to vehicle repair and maintenance data is critical to improving repair options.” The Motorcycle Riders Foundation agrees and we hope other Senators support this effort.

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# UPDATE: AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES NHTSA CHANGING RULES FOR DOMESTIC CAR MAKERS



April 26, 2025 - Washington DC.

Thursday, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced that it is updating rules to allow domestically produced autonomous vehicles to qualify for exemptions from U.S. auto safety standards previously offered only to imports. NHTSA will continue to require car makers and other companies to report crashes involving self-driving systems while loosening some reporting requirements.

NHTSA Chief Counsel Peter Simshauser said of the move that NHTSA is “Actively engaged in developing a multi-faceted regulatory framework for vehicles with automated driving systems.”

It is still too early to know how these changes will impact motorcyclists. However, the move does signal a push by the Trump Administration to remove previous restrictions on self-driving vehicles. For the last decade, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has been raising concerns that this new technology may be unable to recognize and react to motorcyclists. Now more than ever, the MRF will remain vigilant, work with our partners on Capitol Hill and fight to protect the safety of everyone on our national roadways.

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SCAN FOR MORE ABOUT THE EVENT

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## **BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY – MAKING A DIFFERENCE.**

Legislative success for motorcyclists comes from attendance at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Bikers Inside the Beltway. Two of our top legislative successes came because motorcyclists' rights advocates showed up at Bikers Inside the Beltway.

The Anti-Profiling Resolutions passed the House and Senate because the MRF took the attack against profiling directly to Capitol Hill. Right to Repair & Modify (HR 1566) now ranks near the top of the MRF's legislative agenda for passage. Our voices are heard clearly at Bikers Inside the Beltway.

The MRF and attendees at Bikes Inside the Beltway visited the offices of all 535 members of Congress in 2023 and 2024. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Supporting State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SSMRO) are committed to protecting the future of motorcyclists' rights.

Your commitment to defending your rights is critical to our past and future success. Event registration is free. Hotel rooms are limited at the MRF's contracted rate, which expires tomorrow, April 22!

## **BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY – YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **Monday, May 19th**

MRF Board Meeting @ Embassy Suites  
Lobbying Prep. Session @ Embassy Suites 6-8 pm

#### **Tuesday, May 20th**

Lobby Day @ Congressional Offices (KSU: TBD)  
Post Debrief Session @ Embassy Suites 6-8pm

### **HOTEL**

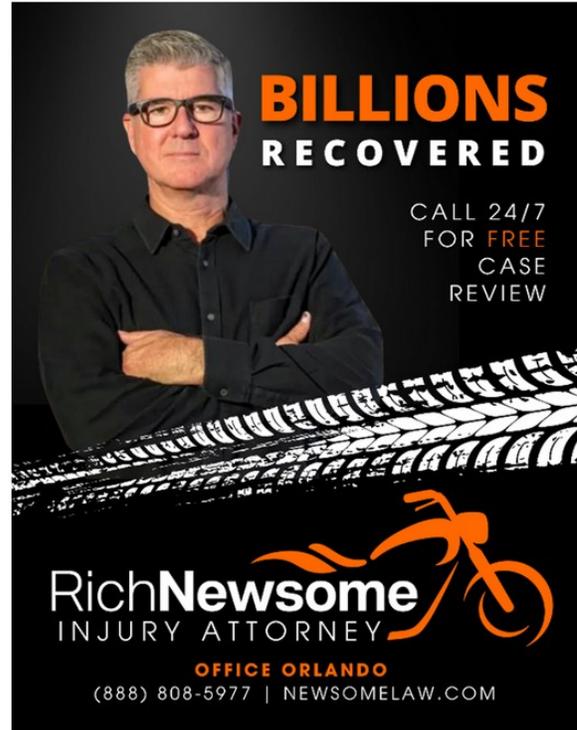
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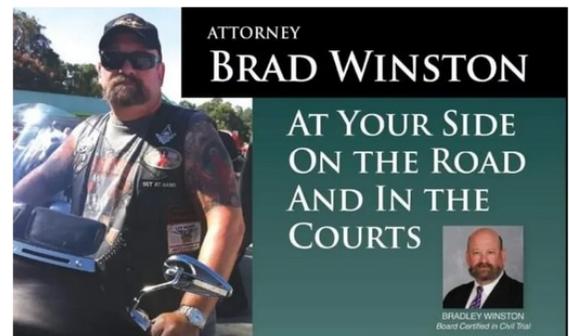
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## Membership expires on the last day of the month

### Welcome New Members!!

Richard Severin	03/31/2026
Viggo Rowohit	03/31/2026
Tammy Corselli	04/30/2026
Barbara & Mario Marques	04/30/2026
Tom Cardinale	04/30/2026
Krystin Weiss	03/30/2026
Victoria Hasson	04/30/2026
Joseph Noel	04/30/2026

### Expiring Memberships

Isaias (Iceman) Heredia	04/30/2025
Robert Miller	03/30/2025
Laura Anguiani-Vega	04/30/2025
April Watwood	05/31/2025
Dave Murray	05/31/2025
John Powers	05/31/2025
John Potts	05/31/2025
Greg Sarni	05/31/2025
Fred Schmidt	05/31/2025
Chino Torres	05/31/2025

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## WHY JOIN ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.?

**ABATE** is a non-profit Motorcycle Rights Organization whose cause is to EDUCATE the government, motorcyclists and the general public on freedom, rights, road safety, and awareness of motorcycles on the road.

**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](http://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

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### A.D.D. INSURANCE POLICY UPDATE

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# ABATE of Florida, Inc. Membership Application

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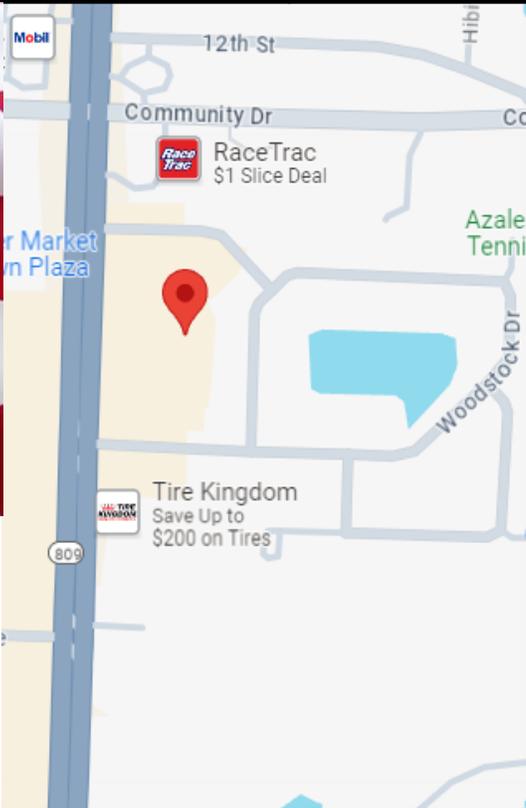
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**Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting**  
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- 🏍️ **To** become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.
- 🏍️ **To** provide a lobbyist to represent 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.