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May 7 at 9:27 AM

Whether you ride or drive, safety is everyone's responsibility.
The Florida Motorcycle Safety Program just dropped our first-ever safety toolkit! It's packed with ready-to-share graphics, resources, and tips to help you spread motorcycle safety awareness all month long.
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President's Message

Danny "Curbie" Lovett



Man it's hot!

Well we made it through August . Some of us are a little darker and maybe even a little thinner but the dog days of summer are beginning to wind down.

NOT!

We live in South Florida saints and sinners. It's gonna be hot for a couple more months. So all I've got to say is hydrate, hydrate and hydrate.

And now onto the news...

Frank, Jeff, Lori, Whiskers and I all went up to the last state meeting, and once again I wanna thank these folks for being so involved, they really are dedicated, and it doesn't go unnoticed. There were a number of things discussed, but the big, one at least in my eyes was the fact that due to financial restrictions, we will not have a lobbyist on our payroll this year. Instead, we will be doing it in house at least for a year while we try to get some finances together. We are discussing amongst us some ways to try to help with a fundraiser for the state organization and are more than happy to hear any ideas anyone has to offer. We also lost two more chapters which means even less money being raised. The last subject I'll bring up from the meeting is that it looks like we've gotten about as far as the state ABATE leadership feels we can get with the cell phone issue. It appears that we will be focusing this year on the lane splitting/filtering agenda. If you need more information about this, just ask I'll be happy to help you out with that. On a happier note, I've had an opportunity to get together in a little bit of conversation with a number of you recently and hope to continue to get to know all of you better. We had a great turnout at the last meeting, I think it was one of the best turnouts I've seen. I personally thank you all for your participation, we need it. I know it's time-consuming but all your input is very important to keeping this chapter alive and well.

No need to ramble so I bid you farewell for now.

And remember....

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

Danny



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Vice President's Message

Will "Whiskers" Calhoun

While you are out riding remember to stay hydrated, it is very important to remember that water is your friend. Other beverages may sooth the soul, but you still need to replenish that plain old H2O that exits your body as perspiration. If you're like me and spend as much time wrenching as riding, the same message is true. Even in the shade and in my shed, with a big fan or two moving air while I'm working, the dehydration is noticeable and I'm thankful for a nearby outdoor fridge with a jug of water accompanying my preferred beverages.

If you decide to travel out of state northbound to see the leaves change color and to ride some twisties with elevation changes rather than our flatlands, remember that those great looking colorful leaves, once on the ground can be slippery sons of b**ches. Many a great ride through Cherohala Skyway or Tail of the Dragon have been cut short by ignoring the potential dangers of wet leaves while focusing on the curves and scenery. Staying home and putting the rub on some pork butts or grilling steaks and burgers? Think about that fine Blackstone Griddle with lid being raffled off. Just a buck a ticket and the drawing on December 13th. We members of Palm Beach ABATE should each get at least 20 tickets to sell to neighbors and friends. See Jeff and he'll explain the process. While you're at it buy another 10 for yourself, it's only money! Ha ha! Really though, every ticket sale helps keep the State Chapter solvent and reflects good light on our own Chapter. I must admit that on my recent travels to State meetings, I see some chapters struggling with membership issues and hear of others that have just not been able to keep their sh*t together and make the grade. At the same time, other Chapters are thriving and growing like weeds in a garden. We live in a sufficiently populated area. We can grow. I may be one of the oldest among us, but I want to work with all of you. Let's make this Chapter grow and be active and prosperous!

Parting thought: In December we will be having our Chapter's big safety event. Silent auctions, 50/50, etc. Weather permitting Becky and I will put out a table, as we have done before, with a donated goods/swap meet feel. Start looking through your stuff and finding things to donate. One rider's trash is another's treasure, and the profits will add to the Palm Beach ABATE kitty. You know you have things that you'll never use and are just taking up space. At the same time another rider will be paying full retail for that same item. Let's help each other while helping the Chapter.

Whiskers



SEPT 14, 2025
515 N. FLAGLER RD

8 am Check In

Meet at check in table for registration, waiver, wristband and poker card. Opening ceremonies starts at 9 am for the stair climb.

10 am Kickstands Up

1ST STOP NOBO BREWERY



2ND STOP BOONIES WILD WEST SALOON



3RD STOP CONNOLLY'S IRISH BAR



4TH STOP SQUARE GROUPE



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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 July 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 11:00AM

PRESIDENT: Dan opened the meeting with the Pledge and a moment of silence. Thanks to Ken for breakfast. Dan along with Lori, Jeff, Frank and Whiskers attended the State ABATE meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT: Went to the first State meeting as Vice President. It was a positive experience. Expressed support for MRF.

SECRETARY: A motion and a second to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter.

TREASURER: The checkbook balanced. We still have money. A motion and a second to approve the report.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Remember to stay hydrated. You don't have to wear a helmet. We do suggest it.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 180 members. One new and three renewals for July.

SAFETY: No report.

LEGISLATIVE: The State will forgo the lobbyist firm for the next session. Martha will fill in as our lobbyist.

DELEGATE: See Delegate Report.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Lori has excused absence

WEBSITE: Still working with the State. We may have to start a new one.

PRODUCTS: We have safety products and Chapter patches. .

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The State has lost two Chapters Hillsborough and Central. We have tickets for the State raffle for a Blackstone flat top grill. The tickets are one dollar each. See Jeff for the tickets. This is a fund raiser for the State. The drawing will be at the State meeting in December. The next State meeting will be in Ft Myers the second weekend in October.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: The ride to the Capitol will be the second weekend in February. The State is having a fund raising poker run the second Saturday in April ending at Fort McCoy in Ocala. All chapter members are to try and attend. The State ABATE meeting will follow on Sunday at 10:00 AM.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn 11:40

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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RIDE IN PEACE

ABATE of Florida, Inc. DELEGATES' REPORT**AUGUST 2025**

ABATE of Florida inc
Delegate Meeting August 9 2025
Lake County Chapter
Jeff Adkins, Frank Manfredonia

The Lake County chapter hosted our August meeting at the Moose Lodge in Leesburg.

Thanks to Lake County for hosting and a great lunch.

The ride to meeting from Palm Beach chapter on bikes Dan, Whiskers, Jeff, Lori and Frank (car) were exciting weather-wise Yikes. All members are invited to ride and attend; a travel trophy is awarded to chapter with most members in attendance.

We were reminded that ABATE of Florida's need to build up are funds to maintain and grow the organization. Finances are to the point that we cannot afford to pay for the lobbyist firm next year. Unfortunately we will be losing some of our sponsors next year. The State is looking into other avenues. Each Chapter needs have more local events to help raise funds to be able to pay for our debts. The Blackstone grill raffle is important to all chapters.

ABATE of Florida is having a multi Chapter poker run in the second weekend in April 2026. The final stop will be at the VFW Veterans Village in Fort McCoy. See web site, camping, RV hook ups an cabins available, Help is needed to work event, please let us know if you have time to work The delegate meeting will be on Sunday at 10:00 AM. More information will be forthcoming.

It was brought to the floor to increase the membership to \$30:00. It was tabled to be addressed next meeting. The next State delegate meeting will be held in Ft Myers the second Saturday in October.

Brandy said that the December state meeting will have a representative from American Income Life insurance company will attend and answer any questions you may have and or more information.

Tara is working on the Web site and updating, she requests a membership audit from chapters, also any pictures that you have to share, please keep clean.

Martha needs to focus on MSAP certified members doing more training supporting the ABATE Mission Statement and Goals. Once certified can do local training, Jeff is working on his certificate now.

ABATE of Florida has lost two chapters. Hillsborough and Central Chapters have folded.

Martha will be our lobbyist for 2026. We will be addressing lane filtering.

Steve VP, meeting of the Minds, working on the ride to Alabama and meet up to do a joint ride to Louisiana see the flyer in our new letter.

Please review Abate Web Site for more information on ABATE state of affairs.



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BEYOND THE HELMET OPEN ROAD PERSPECTIVES BY GUEST COLUMNIST BRIAN BENTLEY, DBACVB

As any rider will tell you, the journey is as important as the destination, and in Volusia County, Florida, the journey is amazing.

As a former licensed superbike rider and now Manager of Corporate Partnerships and Events at the Daytona Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, I've seen firsthand how the Daytona Beach area speaks to riders of all stripes.

Every day I ride to work from New Smyrna Beach, through beautiful Daytona Beach, all the way to Ormond Beach, taking in the coastal breeze along A1A and enjoying the nostalgia of US 1.

These byways offer daily reminders of why we ride. From the rising sun over the Atlantic Ocean, the scent of the salt air, and the smile that a "motorcycle wave" puts on my face on the open road, what I see on my commute is the kind of beauty that most only find in videos or travel magazines. And it's right here in our backyard in the Daytona Beach area.

With Florida's heat and humidity, I always make sure to crack open the vents on my helmet — not only to stay cool and avoid overheating but to take in that salty sea air that makes coastal riding so special. It's a small move that makes a big difference in comfort and awareness during the ride.

Central Florida is a rider's paradise. From shaded backroads to vibrant beach towns, Volusia County offers something for every type of motorcyclist. It's also home to the most iconic motorcycle rallies in the country. Bike Week and Biketoberfest® draw riders from across the nation and the world bringing energy, camaraderie, and unforgettable experiences.

But big crowds also mean a bigger need for awareness. During rallies, my single biggest piece of advice is to bring your patience! Slow down in congested areas and watch for pedestrians and distracted drivers while you're out there. Riding predictably and respectfully helps keep everyone safe and lets the good times roll without interruption.

Safety isn't just a rally concern; it's a daily commitment for me and should be for you, too. No matter the ride, no matter the distance, always remember: ATGATT: All the gear, all the time. It's more than just a saying, it's a mindset that protects you, mile after mile.

Whether you're rally-bound or on your daily cruise, Volusia County and the Daytona Beach area deliver some of the best riding in America. Respect the road, enjoy the view, and keep looking forward to every ride. I'll see you out there!



Guest Columnist
Brian Bentley, DBACVB

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Driven by education, awareness, and outreach, FMSP takes a proactive and inclusive approach to motorcycle safety. The Program implements targeted marketing campaigns, community partnerships, and rider-focused resources that empower all road users to make safer choices. We look forward to collaborating with motorcycle enthusiasts and the greater community to expand safety awareness in Florida.

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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.

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.

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September 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>1 Labor Day</p> 	2	3	4	5 Sturgis Rally 2025 Ends	6 Fly-In Wheels Open House
7	8	9	10	11 Rack 'n Ball Gorilla Motors Bike Night	12 Outlaws Open House	13 Fly-In Wheels Open House
14 3rd Annual 9/11 Poker Run	15	16	17	18 Rack 'n Ball Gorilla Motors Bike Night	19 Black Pistons Open House	20 Fly-In Wheels House Party
21 PB ABATE 11 AM Chapter Meeting Eagles Aerie WP	22	23	24	25	26 Outlaws Open House	27 Fly-In Wheels Open House
28	29	30				

For More information and events see Upcoming Events Schedule

October 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4 Fly-In Wheels Open House
5	6	7	8	9	10 Outlaws Open House	11 ABATE of FL State Meeting Fly-In Wheels Open House
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UPCOMING Event Schedule *All events subject to change*

3rd Sunday September 21st 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 September 14, 3rd Annual 9/11 Poker Run, 8am-5PM, 515 N Flagler Rd., West Ralm Beach,

Saturday September 27th, Gator Alley 40th Birthday! 6-10pm VFW POST 7721, 800 Neffs Way, Naples FL 34119,

Sunday September 28th, Justin Barrett Rescue Poker Run 2025
10:00 AM-07:00 PM, Connoly's Sports Bar and Grill, Belvedere Blvd Royal Palm Beach Fl 33411

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

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2nd Fri Outlaws Open House

3rd Fri Black Pistons Open House

4th Fri Outlaws Open House

3rd Sat Fly-In Wheels Party

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TESLA, TESLA, TESLA...

August 22, 2025

If it feels like every week there's another headline about Tesla and its run-ins with federal or state safety regulators, you're not imagining things. These developments carry serious implications for all road users, including motorcyclists.

The latest story making the rounds involves delays in reporting crashes involving Tesla's driver-assistance technology. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has identified multiple crash reports that Tesla submitted "several months or more" after the incidents occurred, a violation of federal reporting timelines.

Under current regulations, manufacturers are generally required to report such crashes within one to five days of being notified. These quick reporting requirements are designed to ensure potential safety issues are addressed before they endanger more lives.

While auto manufacturers continue to develop the technologies designed to make everyone on the road safer, it is also important to remember that we are our best safety technology. Adjusting your riding for weather/road conditions, participating in advanced riding skills training and staying alert on the roads are the best ways to avoid incidents that might otherwise occur.

According to NHTSA, the delay in Tesla's case was "due to an issue with Tesla's data collection," a problem the company claims has now been fixed. Still, the agency has opened a formal audit to dig into why the delays happened and what steps Tesla is taking to make sure they don't happen again.

Every mile we ride, we share the road with cars and increasingly, with machines making decisions behind the wheel. When systems like those used by Tesla make errors, especially ones that go unreported for months, it puts all of us at risk without our knowledge.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has long advocated for transparent, enforceable standards when it comes to emerging vehicle technologies. Whether it's autonomous systems, advanced driver-assistance features, or vehicle-to-vehicle communication, riders must not be an afterthought in transportation safety.

Ride safe, stay aware, and keep fighting for your right to the road.

...NOT THAT LINE OF FIRE

Pay attention. It doesn't matter if you've ridden everything from a "rat rod" chopper to the latest model rolling off your dealer's showroom. You ride is what matters and **you're in the line of fire.**

Fact: Right now, in statehouses and on Capitol Hill, there are people writing laws to control how you ride, what you wear, what you breathe, and what you build.

- NHTSA just declared war on bikers. Ignoring Congress, this bureaucracy started tearing down the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) – and is trying to silence one of our voices in D.C. This is the same agency that's targeted motorcycling for years. We won't let them silence us. Stand up. Fight back.
- Helmet mandates are creeping back – ask ABATE of Pennsylvania! -- regardless of what you believe about freedom of choice.
- The EPA wants to kill performance mods, crack down on aftermarket parts, and criminalize tuning your ride.
- Profiling laws are stalled in Congress, while cops coast-to-coast are still pulling over bikers just for wearing patches.
- Autonomous vehicle developers? They're building cars that can't even detect police motorcycles, EMTs, much less what you're riding -- and they don't care.

To the lawmakers, the bureaucrats, and the corporate enforcers, you're not a citizen. You're a problem. They don't care how long you've been riding, how safe you are, or how many charity runs you've done. You wear leather, you ride loud, you don't fit the mold -- they want you gone.

TEN KICK-ASS REASONS TO SAY "YES" TO PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS...

1. Ride for Your Rights -- This isn't just a ride -- it's a mission. Every mile to Shreveport is a stand for freedom, repre-





sentation, and the biker lifestyle.

2. Shape Policy Decisions -- Be more than a spectator -- *have a voice* in creating the MRF's 2026 Legislative Agenda. Influence what gets protected and prioritized.

3. Be Part of the Largest Motorcyclists' Rights Advocacy Movement -- Join a historic, nationwide movement. One united front, thousands of voices. This is how change happens.

4. Stay Informed on Legislation -- Ignorance isn't bliss -- it's dangerous. Know exactly what lawmakers are planning and how it will affect your right to ride.

5. Get Involved in Campaigns -- From fighting profiling to opposing the dangers of E-15 fuel, saving our right to repair & modify vehicles, and regulating autonomous vehicles, this is your chance to get off the sidelines and help push real legislative wins.

6. Advocacy Training -- Learn how to speak truth to power. Gain tools to become a sharper, smarter and more effective advocate for motorcyclists' rights.

7. Influence National Decisions -- Your voice can *literally* shape the future of federal and state motorcycling policies. Why let others decide what happens to your freedom?

8. Access to Legal Experts -- Knowledge is power, especially in a courtroom. Learn how to protect your rights, your gear and your SMRO from legal threats.

9. Make History – Be Part of the Future of Motorcyclists' Rights – 41 years of grassroots resistance. Be part of the legacy. Be part of what comes next.

10. Rally Support for Key Causes -- Fuel national momentum on major issues -- anti-profiling legislation, ethanol concerns, autonomous vehicles, right to repair & modify,

infrastructure improvements.

Time is running out to make your room reservations, the sidelines are full of spectators – it’s time for you to become a participant – grab the handlebars, kick up the kickstand, you can make a difference! See you in Shreveport.

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Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.
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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Membership expires on the last day of the month

Welcome New Members!!

Fred Abele	08/31/2026
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Michael Zimmer	07/31/2025

Help us remind other members to renew their memberships to keep their ADD insurance active. Tell them of the change in chapter meetings. Everyone's help is needed for membership.

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

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. 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.

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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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Our website is palmbeach.abateflorida.com

MAIL ABATE - Palm Beach Chapter, P.O. Box 530944, Lake Park, FL 33403

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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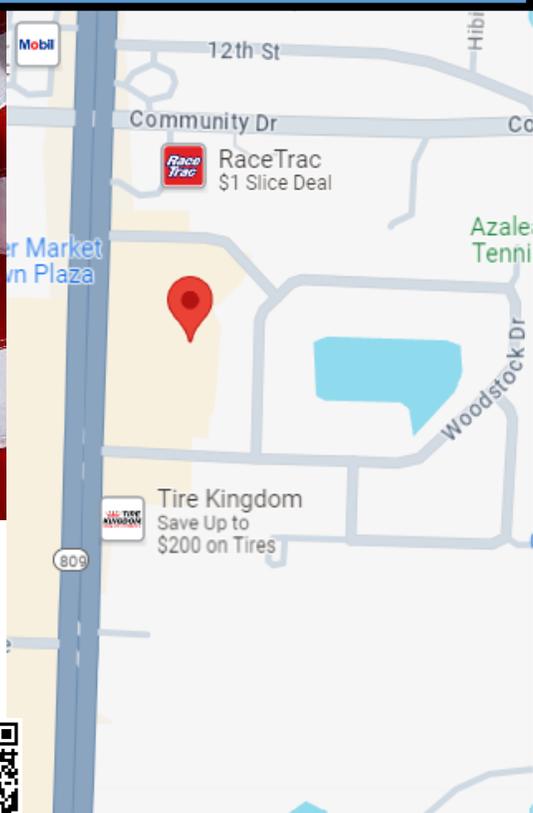
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GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

- 🏍️ 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.
- 🏍️ To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.